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Sadness as former pub gets go-ahead for flats

By George Welch

PLANS to redevelop a much-loved and long-derelict Marston pub as a three-story block of flats have been given the green light by council chiefs.

The Jack Russell in Salford Road has been the source of a long-running saga after it was damaged in a suspected arson attack in November last year and subsequently earmarked for a development of 16 flats on site.

There had been talk of a new pub being built to replace the charred remains of the Jack Russell after Ronnie Politi, owner of Templar's Bar and Kitchen Cowley, approached the owner with a bid.

But despite this and over 100 letters sent to Oxford City Council against the proposal, the council's planning chiefs voted unanimously to go ahead with the plans at a city council east area planning committee on Wednesday last week.

City councillor for Marston Cllr Mick Haines, a regular at the pub before its destruction, said he is personally "very disappointed" and "very upset for the community" to see the council grant permission for the flats.

He added, "We have got nothing else there. I feel sorry for the people in the community."

Cllr Haines, who said the Jack Russell was the first pub he visited when he moved to the area in 1973, revealed that plans to convert it into another pub were realistic but ultimately the campaign to restore the scorched pub to its former glory came too late.

Two or three people have since told the Independent councillor that they are considering moving as a result of the council's decision.

But fellow Marston city councillor Mary Clarkson insisted there wasn't much manoeuvrability for the pub supporters and reluctantly backed the plans for 16 flats.

She said: "The Jack Russell has been struggling for years and although it had some loyal local customers, it never had enough to make it a viable concern.

"When it first closed, I was very keen to have a moratorium so that local people and other pub owners had a chance to put a bid together to make it a going concern again.

"Despite a period of six months or so, a bid never materialised so reluctantly I supported the outline planning position for the pub to become flats."

The Labour councillor added that she fought for the area to be made available for community use but that "the developers were unwilling to take it on board".

Cllr Clarkson said, "In the absence either of any evidence that a rebuilt pub on the site would be viable or of people to make one a going concern, I did not support Cllr Haines' position."

But Cllr Clarkson, who also chairs the

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• Labour councillor Van Coulter

'Councillor's death a real blow to city'

TRIBUTES have been paid to an Oxford councillor who unexpectedly died at the age of 57.

Labour councillor Van Coulter, who had represented Barton and Sandhills on Oxford City Council since 2010, died suddenly at home on Monday.

Leader of the city council, Cllr Bob Price, said he was in "complete shock".

He said, "Van's tragic death has come as a complete shock. He will be very widely missed by all of us on the city council, as well as many colleagues with whom he has worked.

"He was a passionate advocate for social justice and equalities.

"Van was a hard working and committed ward councillor for Barton and Sandhills and was closely involved in the planning of the new Barton estate.

"His kindness and courtesy were legendary. His death is a real blow to the city."

In a statement, the city council added, "He will be much missed by his friends and colleagues."

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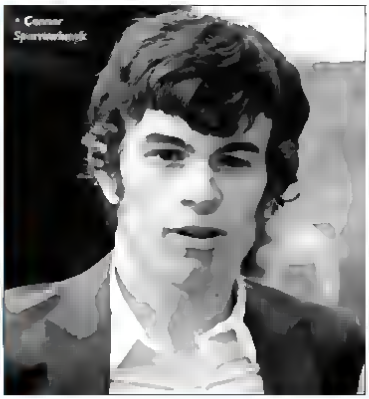
Health trust first to be prosecuted by the watchdog

By George Welch

A CRISIS-HIT NHS trust that failed to properly investigate the deaths of more than 1,000 people in its care has become the first ever to be prosecuted by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) over safety.

The CQC said it is to prosecute the troubled Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust over "an alleged failure to provide safe care and treatment resulting in avoidable harm to a patient and other patients being exposed to a significant risk of avoidable harm."



• Connor Sparrowhawk

The trust accepted responsibility in June last year for Connor Sparrowhawk's death after the 18-year old drowned in a bath at Slade House in Headington, one of its Oxford facilities, in July 2013.

But this prosecution relates to an incident from December 2015 when an unnamed patient suffered serious injuries during a fall from a low roof at the trust's Melbury Lodge site in Hampshire the CQC said. The case is expected to be heard later in the year by Basingstoke Magistrates' Court.

Southern Health is currently withdrawing all services from Oxfordshire.

The trust, which offers support to people with mental health challenges and learning difficulties made the headlines repeatedly last year following investigations into the deaths of hundreds of people under their care between 2011 and 2015.

In November the CQC said Southern Health, which has been embroiled with leadership uncertainties had made "a number of significant improvements" in identifying risks to patients following its September 2016 inspection.

Family man Harry to tackle the marathon

AN OXFORD man whose dream of a family was realised by adopting through Parents And Children Together (PACT) is running the London Marathon to raise funds for the charity.

Harry Routledge 37 is one of seven runners who will be taking on the iconic 26.2 mile challenge on April 23 in aid of PACT.

Each runner is aiming to raise £1,500 for the charity, which supports families across the south east through adoption, therapeutic support and community projects.

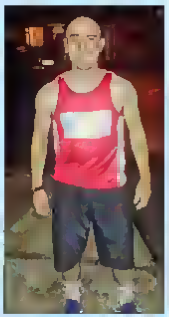
Harry, who with his wife Claire adopted three children through PACT, has already raised £1,490.

He said he has always wanted to run a marathon and was delighted to be able to put on his running shoes to raise funds and awareness for the charity.

Harry added: "Adoption is not easy for all concerned, but it's absolutely worth it.

"We have become the 'Fantastic 5' and owe a part of it to the support we received from PACT, as well as the fact that we would never have been introduced to our daughters and son if it had not been for this charitable organisation.

"To adopt a sibling group of three children is tough, even more so when they are all under four, particularly at once, but they deserved to stay together."



• Harry Routledge

"This is why my page, and tagline for life has become 'Will it be easy? Nope. Worth it? Absolutely!'"

PACT chief executive Jan Fishwick said: "We are really grateful to Harry and all our Team PACT marathon runners who are giving up their time to train for the race and raise funds for our work."

Last year PACT placed 91 children with 58 families through its adoption services.

There are currently more than 2,000 children waiting to be adopted in England.

The charity said it is particularly looking for couples or single people, including those from the LGBT community, who can consider adopting.

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Benefit cheat ordered to do community work

A DIDCOT woman has been ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work after pleading guilty to claiming thousands of pounds through benefit fraud.

Kyleigh Fisher 31 of Castle Walk, appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on March 3 when she admitted two charges relating to her claims for housing benefit and council tax reduction.

Magistrates heard how Ms Fisher had failed to notify South Oxfordshire District Council that her partner had begun work.

As a result, between March 2014 and June 2016, she wrongly received more than £13 000 in benefits.

In that period she claimed £10 750 47 in housing benefit and £2 322 in council tax reduction.

Ms Fisher was also fined £200 and ordered to pay £185 costs.

Cllr Jane Murphy SODC's cabinet member for finance said "If someone on benefits experiences a change in circumstance they must notify us immediately.

"This is so we can check whether or not their entitlement has been affected.

"Benefits are there for those who genuinely need them and we will not hesitate to take action against anyone who we suspect is playing the system."

Drop in to rail upgrade meeting

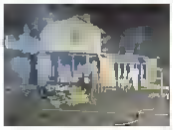
RESIDENTS of Oxford are invited to a drop in event to find out more about work at the town's railway station.

Network Rail are planning to replace the existing four sidings with five new ones including better train care facilities on the east side of the railway, just north of Oxford Station.

The vast majority of this work will take place during the day and residents will be informed in advance of any overnight work.

The event is on Tuesday at Jericho Community Centre, 33A Canal St Oxford, OX2 6BQ from 5pm to 8pm.

More information at www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/western/great-western-mainline/oxford/



• The Jack Russell pub blaze

'It is not the end for pubs'

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General Purposes Licensing Committee, believes Oxford pubs have an optimistic future

She said. "I don't think that it is the end of the road for urban pubs – far from it.

"We can see in Oxford that there are enterprising people who have taken on failing pubs and have had the imagination to come up with something which appeals to people in the neighbourhood.

"The Chester Arms in Iffley Fields and Jacob's Inn in Wolvercote are a couple of successful examples.

"I think that The Somerset in New Marston could be successful again with a similar approach."

Teen battered

A TEENAGE boy was hospitalised after being attacked by a man in east Oxford.

The victim was walking along Stockmore Street towards Cowley Road between 4.45pm and 5.30pm on Thursday last week when a man approached him from behind, punched him to the ground and kicked him.

Call 101 with information

Woman arrested after boy's body discovered

By George Welch

A MURDER investigation has been launched after the body of a young boy was discovered in Faringdon.

Thames Valley Police officers are currently questioning a 40-year-old woman from Faringdon who has been arrested on suspicion of murder and remained in police custody as we went to press.

The force was called to Bromsgrove Cottages at 1.20pm on Tuesday to find the child dead on arrival.

Police say the body is that of a young boy of primary school age but have not released further details of what happened.

Senior investigating officer, Det Insp Dave Hubbard of the Major Crime Unit confirmed a murder investigation has been launched and the family have been informed.

LPA Commander for South and Vale of White Horse, Supt Rory Freeman, said. "This is a very shocking discovery and I am aware it may have a very direct impact on the community of Faringdon.

"In light of this incident there will be an increased police presence in the area to provide reassurance and we would advise any members of the community affected by this incident to speak to one of the Neighbourhood Policing Team."

Police are appealing for witnesses and urging anybody with any information to contact the force on 101 quoting reference 730 (14/03).

Dozens of tributes have flooded in from residents of the town on the 'I live in the town of Faringdon' Facebook page.

Karen Draper wrote: "News like this is just devastating to a community and will have a resounding effect for a long time to come.

"However, we should all be very proud of our community spirit. All of the well wishers, people paying their respects and people taking food and drinks to the emergency services.

"We have many reasons to take great pride in our little town.

"I truly believe it is how you come through such tragic circumstances that is what counts. R.I.P little man."

Kathryn Culverwell added "Saddened by the news that broke last night...rest in peace little one... thoughts are with the family, friends and all services involved."

• Police at the scene at Bromsgrove Cottages, Faringdon, after the body was found on Tuesday. Picture: UKNIP

News Bites

Bitten in attack

OXFORD A man had his finger bitten and sustained facial injuries while another had his head bruised in an early morning attack in Oxford.

Thames Valley Police is appealing for information and witnesses following the confrontation between four men in Commarket, near McDonalds, between 3am and 3.15am on March 2.

Police said a 'verbal altercation took place under the scaffolding at St Aldates next to a taxi firm.

Two of the men were punched by the two other men and the victims fled and managed to get into a taxi in High Street.

One of the victims sustained facial injuries and a bite injury to his finger and the other had bruising to his head.

Neither required hospital treatment.

Police said the attackers were two white men. The first was 6ft tall, slim, in his early twenties and was believed to have dark brown hair. The second was described as white, slightly shorter than the first man, stocky with light brown hair.

Sex charge

OXFORD A man has been charged with assault by penetration on a woman at the O2 Academy in Cowley Road.

The 20 year old victim was allegedly assaulted at about 1.30am on November 3, 2016.

A 21-year-old man from Cowley Road is due to appear at Oxford Crown Court on April 7.

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MP 'disappointed' after vote against EU workers

By George Welch

AN Oxfordshire MP has vowed to defend vital services and employment across the county after MPs voted against protecting the rights of EU nationals living in the UK and offering parliament the chance to veto Brexit negotiations.

The country's MPs voted against the proposed amendments by the House of Lords on Monday evening, paving the way for the Government to trigger Article 50 and begin the UK's process of leaving the EU.

Andrew Smith, the Labour MP for Oxford East, was the only Oxfordshire MP to vote against rejecting the amendment and described parliament's decisions as "disappointing" and vowed to protect Oxfordshire's businesses and services closely associated with the EU.

He told The Oxford Paper: "While I believe it is right to uphold the referendum outcome, it is important in so doing to safeguard the position of our health services, Mini plant and university research, which are very dependent on the commitment and freedom to travel of EU citizens.

"I shall keep up the pressure for recognition in the Brexit negotiations of the strong cultural and economic interest we have locally."

• MP Andrew Smith

All other five Oxfordshire MPs – Nicola Blackwood (Oxford West and Abingdon), John Howell (Henley), Ed Vaizey (Wantage), Victoria Prentis (Banbury) and Robert Courts (Witney) – followed the Tory line and voted against the Lords amendments.

Oxford West and Abingdon Liberal Democrat candidate Layla Moran accused Ms Blackwood of "betraying" hundreds of EU nationals who live in her constituency.

Ms Moran said: "This is a betrayal of the hundreds of people from the EU in Oxford West & Abingdon as well as their friends, colleagues and neighbours.

"The hundreds of local nurses and doctors from the EU are already worried about their futures here."

Ms Blackwood said: "While I voted and campaigned for Remain the outcome of this national referendum was clear and to try to reverse the country's decision would be democratic poison.

"I will continue to stand up for the key issues important to Oxford and Abingdon as we go into negotiations."

Witney MP Mr Courts added that, although he "firmly agrees" that EU residency rights should be top of the agenda, "it is essential that this is agreed alongside the rights of UK citizens living in the EU".

Monday's vote came after leading academics of 35 Oxford University colleges pleaded with MPs to protect the rights of EU citizens and claimed an exodus of academics has already begun.

In a letter to The Times newspaper, which was signed by Oxford's vice-chancellor Louise Richardson and the heads of all but three of the institution's colleges, the group urged MPs to back the Lords' amendments and tell Prime Minister Theresa May that EU workers must stay.

They said: "Oxford University relies on EU citizens as lecturers, researchers and support staff.

"Our EU colleagues are not reassured by a government which tells them that deportation is not going to happen but declines to convert that assurance into law, some are worried, some are already making plans to leave."

Mrs May is to trigger Article 50 to begin the UK's departure from the EU by the end of this month, and she could get the process under way from next week.

And while former Conservative Henley MP Lord Michael Heseltine was sacked as a Government adviser last week after saying the final Brexit deal would be "totally unpredictable", a director from Harwell Campus has said the facility is continuing to grow.

Angus Horner said: "The UK Government is full square behind Harwell, regardless of Brexit."

• Nursing Denny back to full health will cost Blue Cross £3,000

Charity caring for horse found knee-deep in mud

AN EMACIATED horse has been rescued after being found abandoned knee-deep in mud.

Burford charity Blue Cross is now caring for three-year-old Denny, who had sores on his legs from standing too long in the mud. His hooves were in a terrible state.

He was also found to be riddled with worms and suffering with a rotten tooth, infected sinuses and an abscess on his face.

Vicki Alford, from Blue Cross Burford said: "We have given Denny worming treatment and he's been prescribed antibiotics to clear up the infection – it must be so sore. But he will soon need surgery to remove his rotten tooth.

"He's been put on a specialist feeding regime to introduce proper nutrition to his diet and he'll require around the clock monitoring during his recovery.

"We'll be here for Denny for as long as he needs us and we'll do everything we can to get him back to full health."

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School's tribute to women inspiring pupils to achieve

By George Welch

PUPILS and staff at a Moulsford school marked last week's International Women's Day by saying thank you to the inspirational women in their lives.

Cranford House School commemorated last Wednesday's celebration day of all things female by writing the names of their heroes on a whiteboard and posing for a snap in a specially constructed frame.

And with everyone from mums, sisters and grandmas to famous figures getting a mention, the school said the day "proved a real celebration of the special women who make a difference to us all".

Perhaps unsurprisingly, mums received the largest share of the vote, but the children also named historical female figures, artists and sportswomen as inspirations alongside many of their Cranford House teachers.

Year 8 pupils Amelie Lawrence Bristow and Alanna Webb said: "Women fought for us to have the right to vote, be educated and work.

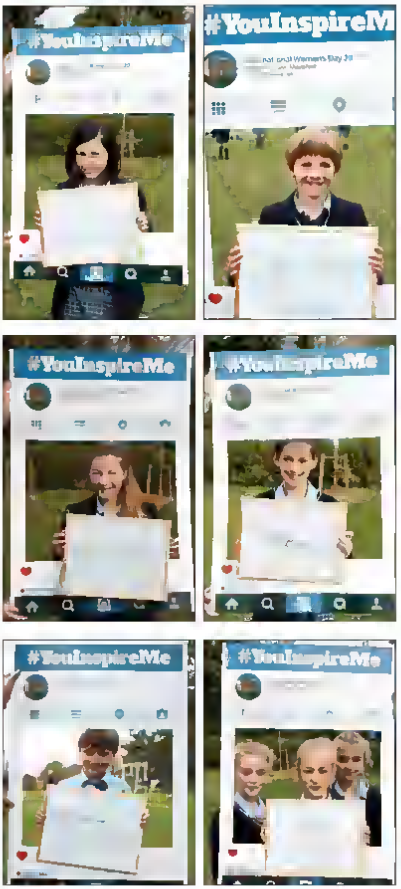
"International Women's Day is important as it celebrates their contribution and how far we've come."

Among the famous women to receive a special thank you from the school were film star Emma Watson, Afghan women's rights activist Malala, civil rights icon Rosa Parks, retired British sailor Ellen MacArthur, gymnast Claudia Fragapane, and Mother Theresa.

Assistant head (academic) Christine Ellis said: "The theme of this year's International Women's Day is 'Be Bold for Change' and changing the world often comes from igniting small individual sparks of change.

"I want our pupils to look at the lives and achievements of inspirational women and say "Yes women can! I can! I can be who and what I want and reach as high as is humanly possible."

The English department also marked the day with the launch of a creative writing competition called 'With These Hands', challenging senior pupils to imagine all the things their hands will do for them in the future.



Bus strikes called off after talks

TWO additional dates for bus strike action across Oxfordshire have been suspended following "positive" talks.

Crowds of people lined the streets on March 2 and 6 in a dispute regarding Christmas bank holiday pay, and two further dates on March 17 and 24 had been scheduled by Unite for Oxford Bus Company routes.

According to the union, bus bosses refused to pay drivers extra for working on two legally recognised bank holidays over the festive season, which meant drivers lost £100 a day.

But after talks between ACAS – an organisation that helps resolve employment disputes – and Unite, Oxford Bus Company announced it has "agreed a framework with the trade union to move towards a resolution to its ongoing dispute".

Phil Southall, managing director of Oxford Bus Company, said: "We're pleased to announce that, following several talks with Unite and ACAS this week, Unite has agreed to suspend its strikes.

"This is great news for our customers, and we apologise for any inconvenience that has been experienced to date.

"With the threat of strike action now removed, Unite and our management team can resume talks."

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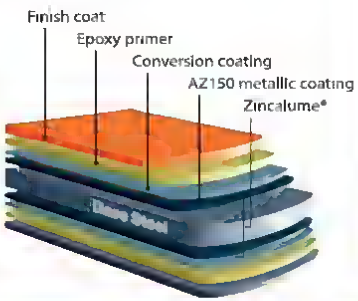

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Cabinet says yes to proposals for unitary council

By Eva Astreinidou

PLANS to abolish the current six-council structure and transform it into a unitary Better Oxfordshire have been approved by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)

At a cabinet meeting on March 14, OCC formally gave the go-ahead to the decision to submit the unitary bid to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

A new council for a Better Oxfordshire is a joint proposal by OCC South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils.

It comes after resistance from the three remaining councils Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire, who in the run up to the decision had launched petitions and surveys in opposition to the restructure.

In the meeting, OCC leader Ian Hudspeth said, "Some people who oppose change have chosen to present the proposal as a threat to services and local democracy. Actually the opposite is true.

"Without change to the way local government is run, we face more years of salami slicing as central government funding is reduced.

"The Better Oxfordshire proposal puts local government on a sustainable financial footing for the future.

"In contrast, choosing the status quo is a decision with real downsides."

Speaking on the opposition, he said, "I do regret that the remaining city and district councils continue to reject our invitations to work together.

"Let me sincerely repeat the invitation to do so."

He added that it would be a 'missed opportunity' to join up services like housing and social care and said that a unitary council would maximise the ability of public services to work with the NHS.

He said access to a £1bn local investment fund would mean that the unitary could fund infrastructure improvements when the government cannot.

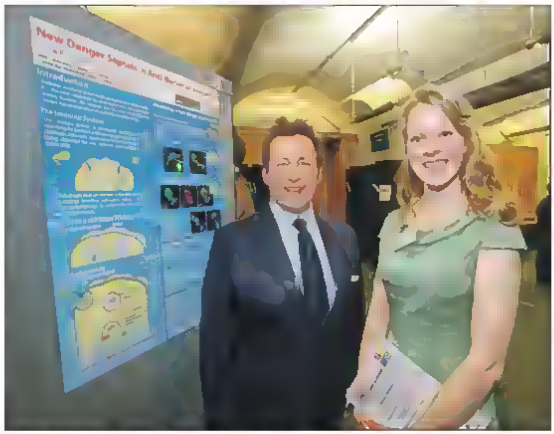
The opposing councils commissioned market research company Ipsos MORI to gauge the opinion of residents to the proposals.

Ipsos MORI contacted 1 950 Oxfordshire residents and found that 82 per cent had little or no understanding of the unitary county council proposals.

Almost three quarters (68 per cent) said they did not have sufficient information about how the unitary council proposals would impact them and their area.

Before the meeting on Tuesday people in South Northamptonshire, whose residents and businesses share services with Cherwell district council, were urged to show support against the unitary move.

Cllr Ian McCord, leader of the council, said, "It is not possible to pull one council off the see-saw and jettison the other in the air, OCC must come clean and make their plans clear."



• Cara Ellison met Ed Vaizey MP when she presented her research to parliament

Cara wows MPs with virus thesis

A FORMER Abingdon schoolgirl has presented her PhD research to a team of MPs and experts in parliament.

Cara Ellison, who went to St Helen and St Katharine School in Faringdon Road, handed her work on antibiotic resistance to politicians and judges on Monday as part of a STEM for Britain competition.

The 25-year-old who grew up in Letcombe Regis, near Wantage, created a poster about her studies which was judged alongside other students' work. She said she "thoroughly enjoyed presenting and discussing" her work.

Cara has just completed her third year as a PhD student at the MRC-Laboratory of Molecular Biology (LMB) in Cambridge and is currently writing her thesis.

She said, "Initially I expect to be a postdoctoral researcher at the LMB."

She said she was inspired to undertake her research as she is "fascinated by the way tiny bacteria and viruses have evolved to invade, hijack and destroy cells."

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New offices anchor park as a science destination

By George Welch

THE owners behind a £24m project to build an office and laboratory development at Milton Park have appointed its joint agents for the expansion as construction gathers pace.

Work at MEPC's Park Drive East development, located towards the eastern end of Milton Park, began last month, with the venture expected to take 12 months to complete and create 1,000 jobs.

With ground now broken at the site of one of Oxfordshire's largest speculative developments, MEPC last week announced Knight Frank and VSL and Partners as the scheme's joint agents.

Park Drive East, which aims to satisfy office and laboratory space in the county will be comprised of three separate buildings totalling 110 000 sq ft and will include an office building and two hi-tech laboratory facilities.

The agents have been tasked with filling the new offices with work on the building expected to finish by the end of the year and the two remaining buildings due to be completed in spring 2018.

The development was one of the first to secure planning permission since the EU referendum and will be the largest in Oxfordshire's recent history, MEPC said.

MEPC's commercial director, Philip Campbell, said: "Launching this scheme will pave the way for existing residents to grow and will offer the opportunity for MEPC to welcome new companies to Milton Park who we know will be in good company with the existing science cluster mix here.

"MEPC's close links with the world's premier university at Oxford continues to anchor Milton Park as a destination for science and technology and a premium destination for business."

Ryan Dean, partner at Knight Frank, said: "Park Drive East is a major development for Milton Park and we are excited to be working with the MEPC team.

"I am confident that these fantastic buildings in this world class business location, are already attracting good interest.

"There is currently a lack of existing options of this size in the marketplace and these buildings will fit the bill perfectly."

Tom Barton, partner at VSL, added that they "have already had a good level of interest."

Located in the heart of the Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone, Milton Park is one of Europe's largest business, science and technology parks with over 9 000 people and 250 organisations based there.

• *Ground breaking work at Milton Park last month to prepare for building to start*

• *Council leader Ian Hudspeth tucks into his pie (Picture courtesy of @ianhudspeth)*

Leader earns a crust

LAST week was National Pie Week and Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth couldn't resist tucking into a pie of his own.

The Conservative councillor for Woodstock proudly posted a picture on Twitter of him enjoying a pie with a glass of wine at The White House Bar and Restaurant in Bladon, Woodstock.

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Will there be a brilliant Matt finish for charity?

By George Welch

A DAD OF THREE is getting ready to lace up his trainers and pound the streets of Reading this weekend to support an Oxfordshire fundraising organisation that changes young lives.

Matthew Hambridge 35 who works at Cottsway Housing Association in Witney is stepping up to take on his second half marathon in five months to raise funds for our charity of the year, Play2Give (P2G)

Matt, from Witney aims to conquer the Reading Half Marathon on Sunday to support P2G s £10k in 10 appeal.

Money raised will be put towards the group s 10th anniversary fundraising for the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Headington.

Matt, who is no stranger to half marathons completed last October's Oxford Half Marathon and has supported P2G for a number of years, a cause close to his heart.

His efforts to raise funds for P2G helped the group achieve a £40,000 target to sponsor its room on the teenage ward at the children s hospital, which also over the years helped pay for vital medical equipment entertainment, and medical research after the hospital was opened in 2007.

Matt said: "I became inspired to support the work and fundraising ethos of P2G after meeting the founder and former Chox patient, Andrew Baker

"I met Andrew in 2009 at a football tournament for which I entered a team, and also by knowing Dale Harris over many years whose 14-year-old daughter Mya has been treated by the hospital since day one for spina bifida, so I wanted to be involved in some way

"I have also played in a couple of charity matches as well as foregoing shaving for a month for 'Movember I help sell wristbands as P2G s merchandise to help raise funds and I'll continue to do so for years to come."

Matt hopes to raise £200 for P2G and can be sponsored at tinyurl.com/hfq5odh.

Funds he raises will support P2G s aim to help the Children s Hospital raise £2million this year to fund a new parental accommodation unit, specialised medical equipment and new play areas.

The 13.1-mile gruelling run on Sunday starts at Green Park and finishes at the Madejski Stadium.

Craig Harris, of Bicester, who has helped the P2G team for many years, is also gearing up for his own running mission as he prepares to take part in next month s London Marathon to raise money for the Children's Hospital.

To donate to the charity's 10-year appeal, visit tinyurl.com/zksd8xx

Matthew Hambridge is preparing to run 13 1 miles

THE OXFORD PAPER and Oxfordshire Guardian Charity of the year 2017 Play2Give

Youngsters enjoy a game at a previous tournament

Countdown is on for fun-filled football fiesta

THE countdown is well and truly under way to a match of the day to remember as Play2Give (P2G) launches the fifth edition of its fun filled football tournament.

The six a-side kids football tournament returns on July 16 as the charity founded 10 years ago by Andy Baker aims to net funds for the Children's Hospital, based at the John Radcliffe

The tournament – sponsored for this sixth year running by estate agents Brecken & Brecken – is now open to boys teams across the ages of under 13s and under 14s

This year's event will help P2G with its £10k in 10 appeal, and all proceeds raised for the Children's Hospital will, as well as funding new play areas and specialised medical equipment, help fund the building of a new 60-bedroom Ronald McDonald House adjacent to CHOX for parents allowing them to stay closer in their sick children

It is hoped up to £5 000 could be scored at the football frenzied event, to be hosted at Oxford City Football Club in Marston.

The tournament, which has been P2G s key main event since its creation in 2007 has in the past seen men's teams also compete and is one of the favourite fundraising fixtures in the county s calendars.

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• Paul Newman, Thames Valley Police schools liaison officer, talks to pupils

Children give police a lesson in being young

SCHOOLCHILDREN from north Oxfordshire have given their view on how to tackle issues facing young people

Seven schools from across the Cherwell district took part in the initiative called Have Your Say Day at the council's Bodicote headquarters

Children were split into groups and given a £30 000 budget to identify an issue they wanted to resolve and come up with a solution.

Pupils presented their plans to a judging panel made up of police officers councillors and North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis. Among the issues was online safety bullying and after school activities.

The winning team was from Warriner School, who proposed a Litterbug App as a fun, interactive way of encouraging a cleaner community

Ms Prentis said, "I thought it was interesting to see the students had picked up on some very important matters, including problems with litter in our local area and mental health issues

"It is vital children feel a sense of ownership of their local communities and the event was a great way to make this happen."

Inspector John Batty Cherwell Neighbourhood Inspector, said: "Engaging with the police and helping shape policing priorities is all part of being a good citizen. The earlier we as public bodies can enable this, the better."

Cllr Tony Ilott, Cherwell's lead member for public protection, said he was "truly impressed by the children s passion and commitment throughout the day"

Developers clash over new homes

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS to start work on phase two of Bicester's eco town have been recommended for approval by council officers

Portfolio Property Partners want to build 1,700 homes, a retirement village, a school community facilities and an energy centre at Himley Farm, off Middleton Stoney Road.

But concerns have been raised about the impact on traffic in Howes Lane Lords Lane and Bucknell Road.

There are plans to realign Howes Lane and build a tunnel under the railway embankment to join Lords Lane and Bucknell Road, but lead eco town developer A2Dominion has yet to get the green light from Network Rail

It is in negotiation with the rail firm to buy the land so the tunnel can be built. The council report said A2Dominion expected work on the tunnel to start towards the end of 2019

Because the roads are almost at capacity Oxfordshire County Council has imposed a limit of 900 new homes before the realigned Howes Lane is in place

The delay in starting work on the road improvements has also caused a clash between A2Dominion and Portfolio Property Partners over who should be allowed to build new homes first up to the 900 limit.

• The current eco town site off Banbury Road

Eventually there will be 6,600 homes at the eco site at North West Bicester

A2Dominion has full planning approval for 393 homes at Elmsbrook, off Banbury Road so far 90 have been occupied It hopes to get permission for a further 507 shortly

But Portfolio Property Partners doesn t believe A2Dominion would build the homes quickly enough before the tunnel is in place and thinks it should be given the extra capacity instead.

It wants to build 680 homes before 2019 Officers recommend the firm should only be allowed to build 500 at Himley Farm until the tunnel is built

The council offers report said, "It is recommended that the development at Himley Village progresses as quickly as predicted by the applicant and that delivery of development across the rest of the site progresses at a 'normal' pace.

"It is the view of officers that a first phase of development of 500 homes could be accommodated on the site without a transport impact beyond that already accepted by 2019."

Councillors are due to decide tonight.

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Smoke shock

N OXON A woman returned home to find her property filled with smoke

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'Shocked' Chloe is crowned county's finest apprentice

By George Welch

APPRENTICES across Oxfordshire have been celebrating after the county's first ever apprenticeship award ceremony

The inaugural Oxfordshire Apprenticesfup Awards recognised the best talent in the county with a special presentation evening on Wednesday last week at the Marlborough Enterprise Centre in Woodstock.

The celebration of the achievements of local employers, training providers, schools and apprentices took place during the 10th National Apprenticeship Week.

The new awards enabled Oxfordshire Apprenticeships, part of Oxfordshire Local Enterprise partnership (OxLEP), to celebrate the achievements of the county's apprentices.

Chloe Penniston, a legal services apprentice at The Burnside Partnership, a boutique private client law firm based in Combe west Oxfordshire, won the Apprentice of the Year Award.

Chloe was also named Advanced Appreotice of the Year and was chosen as the overall winner by sponsors Darke & Taylor because "she is an inspirational apprentice dedicated to her role and her team, who has quickly become an integral part of the business and a role model both for her colleagues"

On winning her awards Chloe, who said she was still in shock the following morning said it "has been an amazing experience"

She added: "I would never have thought that I could win two such brilliant awards The whole evening was such a fantastic experience which I will never forget. I cannot thank my employers enough for giving me this opportunity"

While Faringdon Community College won the School Award, Abingdon & Witney College also had much to cheer about as the college and its apprentices came away from the evening with a haul of three trophies.

This included Gemma Tuckey who won the Special Recognition Award as a business administration apprentice at Oxfordshire County Council, and horticulture apprentice Sasha Fraser, who was rewarded for her work at Oxford City Council.

The college also won the prize for best Training Provider overcoming stiff competition in the form of Wallingford-based Jewel Training and construction specialists ACE Training.

Di Batchelor, principal at Abingdon & Witney College, was full of praise for staff and apprentices alike She said it was "a very good night for the college" and that she felt very proud to be its principal"

She added: "The fact that we are regarded as the top training provider in the county and that so many of our apprentices were nominated for awards is a testament to everyone's hard work and determination to achieve success."

Double award winner Chloe Penniston, a legal services apprentice at The Burnside Partnership

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Chainsaw-wielding firefighters to clear fallen trees in new trial

By George Welch

A TRIAL has been launched to help improve the collection of fallen trees across Oxfordshire in an attempt to improve safety and save money.

Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) experiment will mean dangerous fallen trees will be removed from the county's roads by the fire and rescue service instead of private contractors.

At the moment the county council's contractors deal with all fallen trees but council chiefs believe that in many circumstances a "blue light" response will be able to restore safety and traffic flows quicker as well as saving money.

The work will be carried out by OCC's Fire and Rescue Service chainsaw trained firefighters from the Specialist Rescue Team and will take responsibility for dealing with any tree that falls on the highway.

County councillor Rodney Rose, deputy leader of OCC, said: "The Fire and Rescue Service is an integral part of the county council and it makes sense that they should use our specialist skills and resources to benefit residents if it can save time maintain safety and save money."

Only trees that fall on roads are to be dealt with by the fire service. Trees on private land will remain the responsibility of the owners.

The council will still have access to its current tree contractors who will carry out emergency work in the event of high numbers of trees down or if the fire and rescue service is lacking sufficient resources.

County councillor David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for environment, said: "Residents will know all about the work that our crews do to rescue people and put out fires, but clearly the range of things that they can help with is quite broad.

"I will be keen to see the results of the trial as it has the potential to provide a faster and more efficient service."

Around 100 trees fell in wind speeds of 94mph last month.

Firefighters work to deal with removing fallen trees from roads. Picture: OFRS

Theatre gets £10,000 for child literacy

PRIMARY school children in Oxford are being encouraged to get creative after an independent theatre received a £10 000 grant to increase youth participation.

The money has been given to the Oxford Playhouse by Oxford City Council, which said it would be used "to improve literacy, develop storytelling, encourage imagination and introduce young people to theatre".

A programme to help youth participation, called Primary Playmaker, has so far delivered 10 workshops in six Oxford primary schools to support groups of Year 5 and 6 pupils to create a 10-minute play.

The programme and workshops, which have been taking place since September, are being led by award-winning children's playwright Renata Allen.

The participating schools are Bayards Hill, East Oxford, New Hinksey, St John Fisher, St Michael's and Windale.

Two plays from each school will be performed by professional actors at the Playhouse, on Beaumont Street, on March 29 from 1pm. The performances will be part of the Young Players festival, a week-long celebration of work created and performed by young people.

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Two cut free as car hits tree

TWO elderly people had to be rescued using specialist equipment when their car veered into a row of trees.

The Vauxhall left the road in Concord Avenue at around 5.30pm on Saturday, leaving both the driver and passenger trapped on a small grassy verge outside Spiceball Leisure Centre.

Crews needed to use cutting equipment to remove branches before the occupants could be freed. Both were unharmed.

After an assessment by paramedics the pair were given the all clear and were rescued from the vehicle.

Road safety manager Mick Clarke, who attended the incident said, "It is not apparent why the accident happened but fortunately no one was injured and all three services worked quickly to ensure the safety of those involved.

'Both occupants were taken to the Horton Hospital for a full medical assessment."

• Rescue operation at the scene where the car left the road. Picture by OPRS

Four prizes a boost for 'vibrant' centre

By Samantha McGregor

THAME has won four prizes at a regional conference aimed at boosting town centres.

All four will give practical help and support to businesses in Thame to foster a "vibrant town".

The Revive & Thrive Local Legends Conference in Cheshire earlier this month was attended by 80 representatives from towns and cities across the UK.

Sonja Francis and Helen Johns, who are steering group members of 21st Century Thame, represented the town.

The four prizes, funded by sponsors of the Local Legends Conference are all aimed at improving the town centre and building Thame's profile.

They include work by Global Treasure Apps, who will develop a free treasure trail guide to Thame's visitor attractions.

There will also be marketing support, a digital health check and advice on how best to use data to support growth.

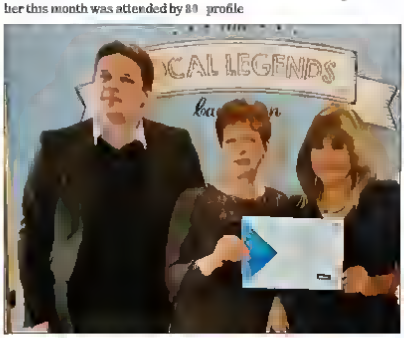
Revive & Thrive, who set up the Local Legends awards, will produce a special issue of Place magazine to promote every aspect of Thame.

Town centre co-ordinator Becky Reid said, "This is a fantastic boost for Thame, following our recent success in the Great British High Streets Competition.

"These great prizes will help us continue the journey to ensure Thame is the best of market towns for residents, businesses and visitors."

Sue Martin-Downhill, chairman of 21st Century Thame said "Working in partnership with Thame Town Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, local businesses and community groups, we aim to protect Thame's past while promoting its future as a vibrant town serving the whole community.

"These prizes will help us achieve these goals to benefit all."



Sonja Francis and Helen Johns represented Thame at the conference

News Bites

Town clean-up

BANBURY The south side of Banbury is once again sparkling after it was given a spring clean by council staff.

Cherwell District Council workers spent a week last month clearing up litter, flytips and graffiti at Calthorpe and Easington.

In total 26 tonnes of waste was removed.

The next blitz is scheduled to take place at Langford Village in Bicester next week.

Flying the flag

THAME Residents are being urged to design a flag as part of a competition launched on Monday.

Designs should use the town council branding, colours and logo.

The idea is that the flag will be flown continuously outside the council office.

The competition closes on April 10. For a design pack view thametowncouncil.gov.uk/flag-competition

Kebab van the best

THAME. A Thame kebab business has come out top in a national awards.

Atalay's kebab van won Kebab Van of the Year at the British Kebab Awards last month.

The awards took place at a ceremony in London and were hosted by Radio 1 DJs Scott Mills and Chris Stark.

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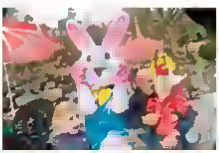
Throughout Gulliver's Easter Extravaganza, there are lots of 'eggstra' special activities planned at Gulliver's World in Warrington, Gulliver's Kingdom in Matlock Bath and Gulliver's Land in Milton Keynes.

Over the four day Easter bank holiday weekend there will be some very special appearances from the Easter Bunny plus amazing entertainment for you and your little chicks. Join the Gully Gang and enjoy Easter themed competitions and entertainment on the main stage including the Easter Bunny Parade and the ultimate in springtime fun – the Big Bunny Bounce!

Gulliver's theme parks are open daily throughout their Easter Extravaganza which runs from 1st to 23rd April*, with a super selection of rides, shows and attractions to discover, all devised for children aged two to 13.

Closing date: Friday, March 24

Car parking is always free at Gulliver's and there is a great selection of food on offer.



For full details of opening times and to book, visit www.gulliversfun.co.uk.

Win tickets

To be in with a chance of winning a family ticket for four people to visit Gulliver's this Easter, answer this simple question.

Q: Which of these young animals isn't associated with Easter?

Bunny, Chick or Kitten?

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Quick Clues Across

4 Female relative (6)
8 Sang (7)
9 Terrified (6)
10 Transmitting apparatus (9)
11 Strip of fabric (4)
13 Prepares for publication (5)
14 Liberty (7)
16 Start a quarrel (7)
18 Flood (5)
19 Consumes (4)
21 Nomads (9)
22 Expenditure (6)
23 Group (7)
24 Highest points (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Collies (7)
2 Shareholders (9)
3 Cheerful (5)
5 Move very slowly (4)
6 Fine cord (6)
7 Fury back (6)
9 Recreational activity
11 Moderate (9)
12 Coming after (9)
15 Attempt (5)
16 Dawn (6)
17 Kindly (6)
20 Notions (5)
21 Grow dim (4)

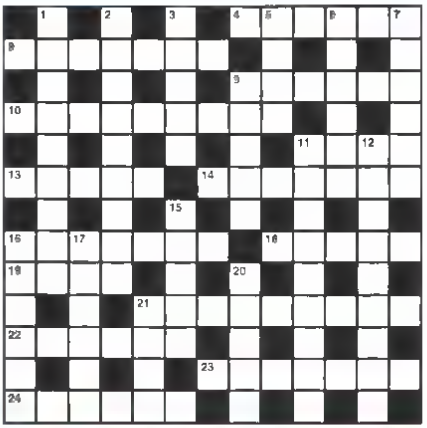
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Frightened in Ewfra, I dare say (6)
8 Claimed to get the point (7)
9 An eavesdropper of low degree (6)
10 An everyday remark showing restrained breadth (9)
11 Was Goliath keen to behead his opponent? (4)
13 Behead the guard to gain admittance (5)
14 Do they fill the soil beyond distant French seas? (7)
16 He doesn't enjoy life, producing vinegar all around the south
18 Inclined to soak (5)
19 Looks as though the would provide shelter (4)
21 Give us our part to be carried away (9)
22 Curtail the action before the writer can make it more profound (6)
23 Forbid one as fruit (7)
24 Are its ingredients wholly ironic? (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Helpers in disarray pour out again (9)
2 Trots back and died without (9)
3 Superfluous midriff, by the sound of it (5)
5 Watch this for the time being (4)
6 A recess in rural Coventry (6)
7 Is frightened of disturbing the snakes (6)
9 I do business with a market (5)
11 City for the Dutch master mad about a new movement? (9)
12 Not even abnormal (9)
15 Does the prima donna begin her note on the couch? (5)
16 A teen's undertones? (6)
17 Join me in the money (6)
20 Heres a mixed toast to the furry animal (5)
21 Bring up, or it could be brought up (4)



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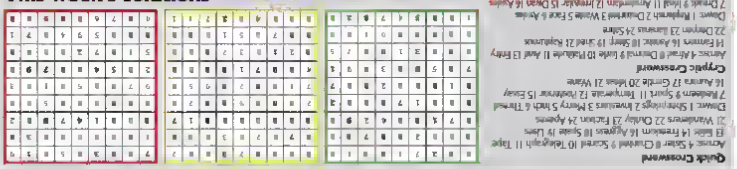

Quick Crossword
Across: 4 Saver 8 Channel 9 Scored 10 Telegraph 11 Tape 13 Rain 14 Firemen 16 Appears 18 Spare 19 Cans 21 Wanderers 22 Outlay 23 Falcon 24 Agents
Down: 1 Shrewsbury 2 Invasion 3 Many 5 Inch 6 Thread 7 Freedom 9 Sport 12 Information 15 Essay 16 Aurora 17 Circle 20 Ideas 21 Weave

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 4 Arise 8 Damsel 9 Pine 10 Palatial 11 Axel 13 Envy 14 Fannies 16 Anoint 19 Send 21 Sedentary 22 Cayman 23 Lament 24 Sabre
Down: 1 Reluctant 2 Quietest 3 Water 5 Fear 6 Aside 7 Parade 9 Hall 11 Attention 12 Employer 15 Clean 16 Asana 17 Cheese 20 Seal 21 Aver

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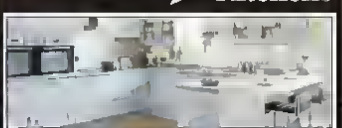

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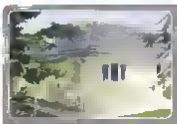

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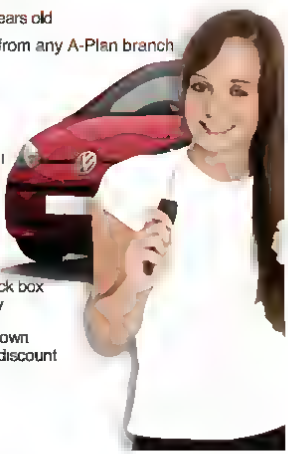

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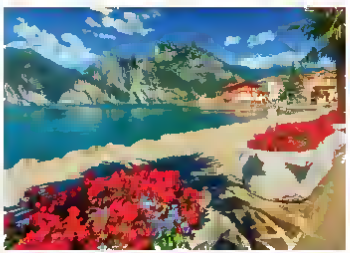

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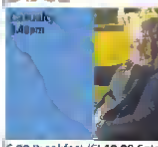

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6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Football Focus (S) 12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.10 Live Six Nations Rugby Union (S) 2.25 Live Six Nations Rugby Union France v Wales (kick-off 2.45pm) (S) 5.00 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 5.40 BBC News (S) 5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.00 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R) 6.45 Let's Sing and Dance for Comic Relief (S)

7

7.00 Britain at War: Imperial War Museums at 100 Fieldlands War veteran Simon Weston marks 100 years since the establishment of the Imperial War Museums. (S)

8

8.00 Who Dares Wins Game show in which chosen strangers pair up to win money. (S)

8.40 Casualty Robyn goes into labour in a graveyard. (S)

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9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys The family awaits the fruits of its freud. (S) (R)

10

10.00 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.20 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches. (S)

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11.45 This Country Mockumentary presenting a wry look at the lives of young people in rural Britain. (S)

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12.10 FILM My Brother the Devil (2012) (15) Drama starring James Floyd and Fady Elsayed. (S) 1.55 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 2.00 BBC News (S)

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9.30 Coast (S)(R) 10.30 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 11.30 Mary Berry Everyday (S)(R) 12.00 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo (S) (R) 12.30 FILM Firecreek (1968) (PG) (S) 2.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 3.00 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 3.30 University Challenge (S)(R) 4.00 Only Connect (S) (R) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.30 Flog It! (S) (R) 6.30 Wild Ireland: The Edge of the World (S)(R)

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8.30 Dad's Army The men head off for a weekend at a training camp. (S)(R)

9.00 Dame Vera Lynn: Happy 100th Birthday The former forces sweetheart celebrates her 100th birthday by recalling highlights from her career (S)

10.00 QI XL With Sheila Hancock Jimmy Carr and Jeremy Clarkson. (S)

10.45 FILM True Grit (2010) (15) The Coen brothers' Western with Jeff Bridges (S)

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8.10 Scrambledi: Teen Titans Go! (S) 8.30 Scrambledi: Bear Grylls Survival School (S) 8.05 Scrambledi Adventure Time (S)(R) 9.25 Alphabetical (S)(R) 10.20 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 11.20 Rebound (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.30 FILM Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) (S) 2.15 Off Their Rockers (S)(R) 2.45 The Voice UK (S)(R) 4.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union (S)

7.30 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway The presenter duo take on Phillip Schofield and Holly Willoughby in Make 'Em Laugh. (S)

8.30 The Voice UK The tension mounts as the contest enters the quarter finals and the coaches seek to find this year's eight semi-finalists. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)

10.45 Lethal Weapon Riggs and Murtaugh pursue a case involving the latter's old training officer.. (S)(R)

11.35 FILM Bambo III (1988) (18) Action adventure sequel with Sylvester Stallone and Richard Crenna (S)

1.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

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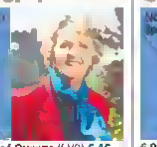

6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) 6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 7.35 Rece of Champions 2017 (S) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 11.30 The Simpsons (S)(R) 12.00 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 4.30 Location Location Location (S)(R) 5.35 Grand Designs (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Escape to the Chateau Dick and Angel try to live self-sufficiently and invest in some chickens to provide them with eggs. (S)(R)

8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service The actress visits the Queen's official Scottish residence and the royal yacht Britannia. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Lucy (2014) (15) A courier seeks revenge on the gangsters who kidnapped her after a drug grants her superhuman abilities. Sci-fi thriller with Scarlett Johanssen. (S)

10.45 FILM RoboCop (2014) (12) A critically injured police officer is rebuilt as a crime-fighting cyborg, but struggles to retain free will. Sci-fi thriller remake, with Joel Kinnemen. (S)

12.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 1.45 Hollyoaks (S) 3.55 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent (S)(R) 4.50 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) 4.55 Fifteen to One (S)(R) 5.50 The King of Queens (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Crime-fighting capers (S) 10.30 Access Showbiz news and gossip.(S) 10.40 On Benefits, Life on the Dole (S)(R) 1.30 Dance Moms (S) 4.15 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door A women who took issue when her neighbours started using her dog poo and driveway (S)(R) 5.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)

7.05 NCIS: Los Angeles A diplomatic service van is hijacked. (S)

8.00 NCIS Ducky is assaulted by a man who has information about his long-dead half-brother. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Nottingham Forest v Derby County. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)

10.30 Platoon: The True Story Oliver Stone reveals the real-life events that inspired his Oscar winning Vietnam War film (S)

11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera CCTV footage of a raid on a west London jewellery shop. (S) (R)

12.00 SuperCasino 3.10 Inside King's Cross: The Railway (S)(R) 4.00 Inside Buckingham Palace (S)(R) 4.50 House Doctor (S)(R) 5.15 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Earth (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY 115 FV 6

8.00 You've Been Framed! Gold 8.25 Emmerdale 8.55 Coronation Street 11.20 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway 12.55 The Voice UK 2 15 FILM Rumour Has It (2005) (12) Romantic comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. 3.15 FYI Daily 3.20 FILM: Rumour Has It (2005) (12) Concluded. 4.20 FILM Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Period fantasy starring Emma Thompson. 5.20 FYI Daily 5.25 FILM Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Concluded. 6.15 FILM Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) Comedy starring Rowan Atkinson. 7.15 FYI Daily 7.20 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) (PG) Concluded. 8.00 Scamp on 9.00 FILM The 40 Year-Old Virgin (2005) (15) Comedy starring Steve Carell. 10.00 FYI Daily 10.05 FILM The 40 Year-Old Virgin (2005) (15) Comedy starring Steve Carell. 11.25 Family Guy 11.55 American Dad! 1.50 Release the Hounds. Fernie & Fredrick 2.45 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

8.00 Judge Judy 8.20 Murder She Wrote 9.10 FILM: Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) (PG) Comedy starring Lionel Jeffries. 2.10 FYI Daily 5.10 FILM Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) (PG) Concluded. 10.00 FILM Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) Comedy starring Sid James. 11.00 FYI Daily 11.05 FILM Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) (PG) Concluded. 12.00 Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale 1.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.50 Rosemary & Thyme 5.00 Lewis 7.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Rising Damp Forever 11.00 Wyclef Jean 1.00 Marchlands 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY 118 FV 9

7.00 Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues 8.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens 9.00 Follow the Money 11.00 Top of the Pops: 1983 12.00 Neil Sedaka: King of Song 1.00 Neil Sedaka Says. All You Need Is the Music 1.40 Kings of 70s Romance 2.45 Sings Bacharach and Davi 3.45 Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 Rules of Engagement 6.20 Melissa & Joey 7.05 Baby Daddy 8.10 Young & Hungry 9.10 How I Met Your Mother 10.10 FILM Planet 51 (2009) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy with the voice of Dwayne Johnson 11.00 Black-ish 1.50 The Get Horge 2.30 The Big Bang Theory

DIGITAL

8.30 FILM The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. 8.00 FILM The Hunger Games (2012) (12) Sci-fi adventure starring Jennifer Lawrence. 11.50 Gogglebox 12.50 Extreme ER 1.55 Rude Tube 3.20 Malcolm's Agents of SHIELD 4.00 Young & Hungry 4.50 Revenge

MORE4 SKY 135 FV 14

6.55 Come Dine with Me 11.30 Homes by the Sea 12.35 Location Location Location 1.35 Coast vs Country 2.30 Run in a Red 3.20 Come Dine with Me 6.00 Richard III: The New Evidence 5.00 9 11: The Falling Man 10.30 24 Hours in A&E 11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.40 Father Ted 2.50 24 Hours in A&E 3.00 Close

FILM4 SKY 315 FV 15

11.50 Dunston Checks In (1996) (PG) Family comedy starring Jason Alexander. 1.00 The Addams Family (1991) (PG) Black comedy starring Anjelica Huston. 3.05 Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon (1942) (PG) Mystery thriller starring Basil Rathbone. 4.25 The Core (2003) (12) Sci-fi thriller starring Aaron Eckhart. 7.10 Paddington (2014) (PG) Family comedy starring Hugh Bonneville. 9.00 Last Vegas (2013) (12) Comedy starring Michael Douglas. 11.05 Scary Movie 2 (2001) (18) Spoof horror sequel starring Anna Faris. 12.40 In Fear (2013) (15) 2.20 Storage 24 (2012) (15) 4.00 Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV 12

7.10 Deadly 60 10.00 Top Gear 12.00 Motorway Cops: 2.05 Gavin & Stacey 6.00 Top Gear 7.00 Not Going Out 9.00 Britain 11.00 FILM The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) (18) Western directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. 1.40 The Last Man on Earth 2.35 Parks and Recreation 3.20 Mock the Week 4.00 Close

ORAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.10 Tenko 9.00 Tenko Reunion 11.00 Sherpe 1.00 Tenko 3.00 Tenko Reunion 6.00 The Ark 7.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 8.00 Masters of Rane 9.00 Taggart 11.00 Waking the Dead 1.20 Sharpe 3.10 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates 4.00 Heme Shopping

SKY1 SKY 106

6.00 Futurama 7.15 Modern Family 8.15 Game Changers 8.45 The Fantasy Football Club 9.45 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League: Pre-match build-up to West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal 11.30 Wild Things 1.30 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 2.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2017 3.00 Collette Soccer Saturday 5.15 Futurama 5.45 Supergirl 6.40 The Flash 7.35 MacGyver 8.30 FILM: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) (U) Sci-fi adventure with Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford. 10.50 NCIS: Los Angeles 11.50 A League of Their Own 12.50 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 1.50 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 2.40 Police 101

SKY ATLANTIC SKY 108

6.00 The West Wing 11.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 3.00 Without a Trace 8.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.20 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 11.55 High Maintenance 12.30 FILM: The Wolfpack (2015) (15) Documentary about six brothers who are banned from leaving their New York flat. 2.15 Veep 4.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY 109

6.10 Beauty and the Beast 7.00 Million Dollar Intern 8.00 The Bill 1.00 EastEnders 3.30 FILM: Zoolander (2001) (12) Comedy starring Ben Stiller. 8.20 My Family 9.20 John Bishop: In Conversation with Lindsey Lohan 10.20 FILM: The Dukes of Hazzard (2005) (12) Comedy starring Seann William Scott and Johnny Knoxville. 10.40 Grimm 11.50 Outnumbered 1.10 The Musketeers 2.15 Boston's Finest 5.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

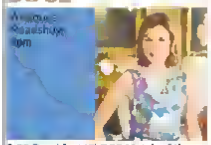
7.00 Chee's 8.30 dinnerladies 9.15 Only Fools and Horses 10.20 Last of the Summer Wine 12.20 Bromers 1.00 Only Fools and Horses 3.00 I'm Alan Partridge 11.00 Bottom 11.40 Filthy Rich and Catflap 11.20 Bottom Live: Weapons Grade Y Fronts Tour 2.25 Evil Nicks: Relentless 3.25 Jam & Jerusalem 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

8.00 Football Gold 8.45 Premier League Preview 7.15 Football Gold 7.45 Game Changers 8.15 Premier League Preview 8.45 The Fantasy Football Club 9.45 Soccer AM 11.30 Live Premier League: Pre-match build-up to West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal 12.30 Live Premier League: West Bromwich Albion v Arsenal (kick-off 12.30pm) 3.00 Golfbeite Soccer Saturday 3.15 Live EFL: Leeds United v Brighton & Hove Albion (kick-off 5.30pm) 8.00 EFL Goals 8.30 Nissan Game of the Day 10.30 Nissan Match Choice 11.30 Premier League Highlights

Sunday March 19th

BBC1



DAYTIME

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30** Match of the Day (S)(R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show (S) **10.00** The Big Questions (S) **11.00** Sunday Politics (S) **12.15** Bargain Hunt (S)(R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather (S) **1.15** Flog It! (S)(R) **2.15** Countryfile Spring Diaries (S)(R) **3.00** Escape to the Country (S)(R) **3.45** Lifeline (S) **3.55** Songs of Praise (S) **4.30** Show Well for Less? (S)(R) **5.30** BBC News (S) **5.50** BBC Regional News (S) **6.00** The Big Painting Challenge (S)

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7.00 Countryfile Matt Baker and Anita Rani present the show from the Hoo Peninsula..(S)

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8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents the show from Burton Constable Hall near Hull (S)

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9.00 SS-GB Archer and Harry have to get the king out of London only to realise too late that they have been led into a trap...Barbara faces being deported back to the US. Last in the series. (S)

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10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action (S)

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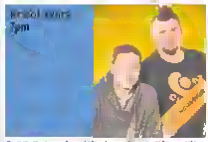
11.40 American High School The school year comes to an end. Last in the series. (S)

AFTER 12

12.30 The Celebrity Apprentice USA (S) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2



8.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) **11.15** Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day (S)(R) **11.45** Simply Nigella (S)(R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra (S) **1.00** FILM Day of the Evil Gun (1968) (PG) (S) **2.30** The House That £100K Built (S)(R) **3.30** Back to the Land with Kate Humble (S)(R) **4.30** Ski Sunday Special Freestyle Ski & Snowboard World Championships (S) **6.00** Six Nations Rugby Union (S)

7.00 Robot Wars Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the third heat (S)

8.00 Top Gear Rory Reid and Sabine Schmitz go in search of the latest supercars at Germany's Nurburgring circuit (S)

9.00 Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall Part two of two. The natural st braves the dangerous white waters the Rakiem River's lower gorge. (S)

10.00 FILM While We're Young (2014) (15) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Ben Stiller and Naomi Watts..(S)

11.35 Women's Six Nations Highlights Eilidh Barbour presents action from the concluding round of fixtures (S)

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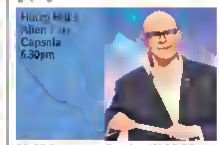

10.00 Peston on Sunday (S) **10.55** Wild Australia with Ray Mears (S)(R) **12.25** Chopping Block (S)(R) **12.25** ITV News; Weather (S) **12.30** Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) **1.30** Off Their Rockers (S)(R) **2.00** Tipping Point (S) (R) **3.00** The Voice UK (S)(R) **5.00** Little Big Shots (S)(R) **6.00** ITV Regional News; Weather (S) **6.30** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule (S)(R)

7.00 Five Gold Rings Game show hosted by Phillip Schofield. (S)

8.00 Vera New series. The detective investigates when the body of a wildlife ranger is found on a remote island. (S)

9.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 The Nightly Show Best Bits Highlights from the third week of the entertainment show (S)
10.40 Peston on Sunday Political magazine..(S)(R)
11.50 Anglo-Welsh Cup Highlights Action from the final..

Channel 4

6.15 The King of Queens (S)(R) **8.40** Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) **7.35** Race of Champions 2017 (S) **8.30** Frasier (S)(R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch (S) **12.30** The Simpsons (S)(R) **1.30** FILM Die (2011) (U) (S) **3.25** FILM Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson (S) **5.30** Channel 4 News (S) **6.00** Dave's Grindelo Spending Money (S)

7.00 Our Guy in China Guy Martin examines Chinese innovation technological development and manufacturing. (S)(R)

8.00 Rivers with Jeremy Paxman The presenter travels along the Marsey..(S)

9.00 Homeland While Carrie and Saul present evidence to Keane Quinn tracks a mark. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Jimmy Carr hosts the popular quiz..(S)(R)

12.00 FILM The Five-Year Engagement (2012) (15) (S) **2.10** The Last Leg (S)(R) **3.05** Scuffs: Britain's Favourite Dog (S)(R) **4.00** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R) **4.10** Phil Spencer Secret Agent (S)(R) **5.05** Fifteen to One (S)(R)

Channel 5

10.30 Football on 5 The Championship (S)(R) **11.30** Football on 5 Goal Rush (S)(R) **12.00** The Gadget Show (S)(R) **1.05** FILM Batteries Not Included (1987) (PG) (S) **3.05** FILM Zathura: A Space Adventure (2005) (PG) (S) **5.00** FILM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 (2013) (U) (S) **8.50** 5 News Weekend (S) **9.55** FILM Left Behind (2014) (15) (S)

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9.00 FILM Elysium (2013) (15) A man living in poverty on a ruined Earth fights to gain access to a space station inhabited by a wealthy elite. Sci-fi thriller starring Matt Damon..(S)

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9.00 FILM Dark Skies (2013) (15) Sci-fi horror, starring Keri Russell and Josh Hamilton. (S)

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11.10 FILM Greatest Sci-Fi Movies (S)(R) **2.10** SuperCasino 4 **3.00** Criminals: Caught On Camera (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Harm (S)(R) **5.50** Scary Ice Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY 116 FV 6

8.00 Emmerdale **8.30** Coronation Street **12.00** The Voice UK **1.00** Zawesome **1.05** Zawesome: Guidance **1.40** Zawesome: Fame High **2.05** Zawesome: Thief Wheel **2.30** Zawesome: LA Story **2.50** You've Been Framed! Gold **3.55** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell **4.55** FYI Daily **5.00** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) Concluded..**5.50** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **8.55** FILM: Red Riding Hood (2011) (12) Fantasy starring Amanda Seyfried. **7.00** FYI Daily **8.00** FILM: Red Riding Hood (2011) (12) Concluded..**9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.30** The Cleveland Show **1.25** The Vampire Diaries **2.15** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 N'gritsureon

ITV3 SKY 119 FV 10

8.00 On the Buses **6.50** Hans Christian Andersen: My Life as a Fairy Tale **8.40** Heartbeat **10.45** Minder: She Wrote **11.45** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) Comedy starring Cecil Parker **12.45** FYI Daily **12.50** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) Concluded..**1.50** Inspector Morse **4.00** Agatha Christie's Miss Marple **8.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Peril O'Grany: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.00** Rising Damp: Forever **11.00** FILM: Good Will Hunting (1997) (15) Drama with Matt Damon **12.00** FYI Daily **12.10** FILM: Good Will Hunting (1997) (15) Concluded..**1.35** Inspector Morse **3.25** May the Best House Win **5.05** On the Buses **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY 116 FV 9

7.00 Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century **8.00** Classic Quartets at the BBC **9.00** Helmut Horne from Home: Chronicle of a Vision I: Part One **10.40** Helmut Horne from Home: Chronicle of a Vision I: Part Two **12.40** The Century That Wrote Itself **1.40** How to Get Ahead At Medieval Court **2.00** Classic Quartets at the BBC **3.00** Close

E4 SKY 136 FV 28

6.00 Melissa & Joey **8.45** Baby Daddy **7.45** How I Met Your Mother **8.40** Hollyoaks **11.15** FILM: Space Chimps (2008) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy with the voice of Andy Samberg. **12.00** Made in Chelsea: Does Come Clean with Me **2.00** Slack-ish **2.30** The Goldbergs **4.00** Rwaidyn Nine-Nine **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00**

FILM: Addams Family Values (1993) (PG) Comedy sequel starring Anjelica Huston and Raul Julia. **8.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** FILM: Die Hard 2 (1990) (18) Action thriller sequel starring Bruce Willis. **12.25** Teen Fixers **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** Gay Year **3.15** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY 138 FV 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **12.30** Walks with My Dog **12.30** Vet on the Hill **1.35** Homes by the Med **2.35** Rent in a Red **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Next Magistructures **9.00** Father Ted **10.00** Man Down **11.05** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.10** Man Down **2.10** Nazi Magistructures **3.10** Food Unwrapped **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 16

11.00 Tooth (2004) (U) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Yasmin Paige. **1.00** Vice Versa (1948) (PG) Fantasy comedy starring Judge Reinhold and Fred Savage. **2.55** Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) Comedy with Bernard Cribbins..**4.45** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **6.50** My Sister's Keeper (2009) (12) Drama, starring Cameron Diaz. **8.00** Legion (2010) (15) Action fantasy starring Paul Bettany. **11.00** Hanna (2011) (12) Action thriller, starring Saoirse Ronan. **1.10** Leaves of Grass (2009) (15) Comedy drama, starring Edward Norton. **3.20** Close

DAVE SKY 111 FV: 12

7.10 Top Gear **8.00** Red Bull Soapbox: Mumbai **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **11.00** Traffic Cops **1.00** Lizard Lick Towing **2.00** Top Gear **5.00** Red Bull Soapbox: Mumbai **8.00** Top Gear **7.00** Traffic Cops **8.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Oil? News for You **10.00** QI XL **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life is Goodish **12.00** Crackanory **12.30** Mock the Week **1.10** Mock the Week Christmas Special **2.10** The Last Man on Earth **2.45** Parks and Rec: ation **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY 158 FV 20

7.00 Last Tango in Halifax **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Pride and Prejudice **7.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.50** The Ruby in the Smoke **3.30** Garden Shopping **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY 106

8.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Modern Family **10.00**

Supergirl **11.00** The Flash **12.00** WWE Raw Hits **1.00** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Pre-match build-up to Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton **2.10** Futurama. Welcome to the World of Tomorrow **3.20** Modern Family **4.00** The Simpsons **5.00** Greatest Disney Songs **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Wild Things **8.00** Hawaii Five-O **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00** MacGyver **12.00** The Force. Essex **1.00** Air Ambulance: Elk **2.00** Police 10/7 **5.30** Futurama

SKY ATLANTIC SKY 108

8.00 The West Wing **11.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **8.00** Big Little Lies **10.00** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.10** Fortitude **12.10** Billions **1.20** The Wire **3.25** Veep **4.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

W SKY 109

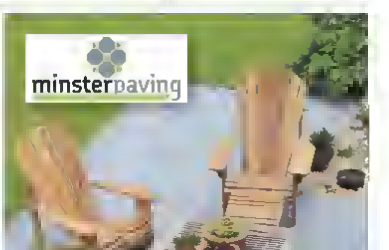
8.00 Beauty and the Beast **8.40** Your Home in Their Hands **8.00** Choccywoccydoodah **8.30** Celebrity MasterChef **1.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **2.00** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **8.00** Outnumbered **8.00** Honey I Bought the House **8.00** John Bishop: In Conversation with Lindsay Lohan **10.00** The C Word **12.00** Code Black **12.55** Outnumbered **1.30** The Musketeers **2.30** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY 110

7.00 Cheers **7.50** The Two Ronnies **9.20** Only Fools and Horses **12.00** Boomers **12.50** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Mr Men Partridge **11.00** Psychoville 2 **12.20** Lenny's Show **1.40** Psychoville 2 **2.00** Jam **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY 401

8.00 Premier League Highlights **9.30** The Sunday Supplement **11.00** Goals on Sunday **1.00** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Pre-match build-up to Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton **2.15** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Tottenham Hotspur v Southampton (kick-off 2.15pm). **4.00** Live Nissan Super Sunday: Manchester City v Liverpool (kick-off 4.30pm). **7.00** ATP Masters Tennis: **8.00** 1 v 1: ATP Masters Tennis- The BNP Paribas Open final. **10.30** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Sky Sports Boxing Gold **2.00** Fight Night **5.00** Goals on Sunday



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Picture perfect property

A handsome double fronted detached cottage sympathetically extended and modernised by the present owner to provide a spacious and well thought out family home.

With an abundance of period features, 12 The Green, Culham, is a must view and surely one that won't leave you disappointed.

The ground floor leads from the small porch into the principle sitting room with open fire, a family room lies adjacent with a separate dining room to the rear with French doors opening onto the garden, the hand built

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ABINGDON

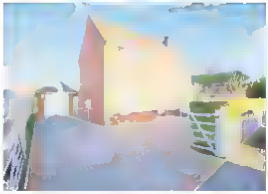
Great Western Park £550,000

New Build in 2011 & 1900 sq/ft of Accommodation • Exceptional Finish Throughout • Four Double Bedrooms • Master En-Suite with 4 P'ece Bathroom • Very Sought after Development

Central Abingdon £600,000

- Penthouse Type Apartment
- Large Open-Plan Accommodation
- 3 Double Bedrooms
- Cinema Room / Bedroom 4
- Lift Access

Long Wittenham £450,000



No Onward Chain • Show Home Quality • Exceptional Finish Throughout • Three Excellent Bedrooms • Very Sought after Village Development

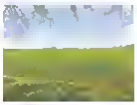
Ladygrove OIEO £375,000

- Ladygrove Development
- Close to Amenities
- Close to Didcot Parkway
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Close to Orchard Shopping Centre

Milton Village £425,000

No Onward Chain • New Build in 2016 • Exceptional Finish Throughout • Three Excellent Bedrooms • Very Sought after Village Development • Perfect for Milton / Harwell Business Parks

Long Wittenham £375,000



- Detached Family Home
- Rear Extension and Sun Room
- Ideal Family Home
- Picturesque Views over Open Fields
- Easy Access to Abingdon/Oxford

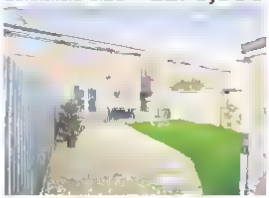
Central Abingdon OIEO £300,000

- Close to Town Centre
- 3 Bedrooms
- Good Transport Links
- Fantastic Family Home
- Allocated Parking

North Abingdon £300,000

- 3 Bedrooms
- North Abingdon
- Ideal Starter Home
- Fantastic Long Rear Garden
- Great School Catchment

Berinsfield OIEO £270,000



- Open-Plan Living
- Immaculate Condition
- Garage
- Garden
- Ideal Family Home

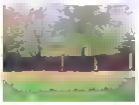
Kingston Bagpuize £250,000

- Ideal Investment Property
- Charming 1 Red Stone Cottage
- Lovely Cottage Garden
- Working Feature Fireplace
- Excellent commuter links to Oxford M40

Central Abingdon OIEO £235,000

- Central Location
- 2 Bedrooms
- First Floor Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- Gas Central Heating

North Abingdon £230,000



- North Abingdon Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking Space
- Open-Plan Living Accommodation

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Chesterton £345,000

NO ABOVE CHAIN

Situated in the sought after village of Chesterton a three bedroom detached bringalow situated on a good size plot, offering kitchen/breakfast, lonnge/diner three bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, garage gradens to front & rear & garage

Bicester House £220,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

An impressive one double bedroom first floor apartment. Viewing is most highly recommended to appreciate the extensive Bicester House gardens

Southwold £200,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

Situated in the songht after Southwold development A one bedroom home offenng a fitted kitchen, enclosed gardens & parking to front.

Bure Park O.I.E.O £325,000

VERSATILE ACCOMMODATION

Ideal for families or investors is this substantial three storey town house set in the ever popular Bure Park with ideal links to Bicester North station & Bicester town centre and opinion represents a fantastic investment opportunity.

Kingsmere £415,000

NO ABOVE CHAIN

This modern & stylish town house is offered to the market with no onward chain. Set in the highly regarded Kingsmere development and in close proximity to the primary school & local amenities.

Southwold £230,000

PRICE REDUCTION

Situated on the sought after Southwold development a two double bedroom terraced property with feature dome porch, conservatory, parking and garden.

Duvall Park From £240,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

The Woburn is striking with its box bays and inset front door complemented with feature cladding to emphasise its modern angular shapes. The home consists of two double bedrooms, two bathrooms, lounge, fully fitted kitchen & comes fully furnished.

Brill £350,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

An opportunity that rarely becomes available to purchase a three bedroom semi detached property situated on a quiet cul de sac in the highly sought after village Brill.

Edgcott £595,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

Situated in the Buckinghamshire village of Edgcott an impressive four donble bedroom detached property offering three reception rooms, two bathrooms, open fire double garage. Sitting within approximately a third of an acre plot.

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Banbury £210,000

EPC F
Three Bedrooms
Semi Detached
Driveway
Spacious Living Area

Middleton Cheney £550,000

EPC C
Five Bedrooms Detached
South Facing Garden
Countryside Views
Village Location
No Onward Chain

Banbury £120,000

EPC D
One Bedroom
First Floor Apartment
Well Maintained Throughout
Off Street Parking

Banbury £250,000

EPC D
Sought After Village
Close To Local Amenities
Corner Plot
Walk In Shower Room

Middleton Cheney £460,000

Four Bedroom Detached Family Home
Two Bathrooms
Two Receptions
Sought After Village Location
Built By David Wilson Homes

Banbury £230,000

EPC Awaited
Three Bedrooms
Semi Detached
Spacious Kitchen/Diner
Popular Location
Spacious Living Room

Banbury £239,995

FPC B
Semi Detached
Three Bedrooms
Off Street Parking
Garage

Banbury £240,000

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Ribston Close £279,950

EPC Rating C
DETACHED Three Bedroom home
Large South facing Rear Garden
No Onward Chain

Angelica Close £289,950

EPC Rating TBC
Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Home
Double doors to the rear garden
Master bedroom with En-Suite
Separate reception room
Garage

Thyme Close £325,000

EPC Rating TBC
Good size three bedroom home
Popular design with Conservatory
Good size lounge & Kitchen/ dining room
NO CHAIN

Lord Fielding Close £325,000

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SHILTON PARK £179,950

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SHILTON PARK £180,000

This superb two bedroom apartment comprises of two double bedrooms one with an ensuite, bathroom kitchen, open plan lounge diner and outside the apartment has allocated parking.

SHILTON PARK £195,000

This property comprises of a living area separate kitchen, family bathroom two bedrooms and ensuite to master Outside there is allocated parking.

SHILTON PARK £239,950

Large maisonette offering two large double bedrooms a large open plan kitchen/diner lounge family bathroom and a single garage to the side with allocated parking to front.

SHILTON PARK £295,000

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Blackbird Leys Guide Price £310,000

Extended To The Rear Four bedrooms White Bathroom Suite With Corner Bath Plus Separate Shower Cubicle Garage & Parking WELL PRESENTED Throughout Gas Central Heated Double Glazed Close To Local Shops & Leisure Centre Excellent Bus Route To Oxford City Ideal Family Home EPC Rating D

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OXFORD

Littlemore £385,000

Well presented TOWN HOUSE situated in a des rable cul-de sac. The property incorporates an integral garage bedroom and bathroom to grnnnd floor offering the prospect of a self contained unit (subject to usual planning conditions).

EPC Rating Awaited

Blackbird Leys Offers in Excess £325,000

BEAUTIFULLY presented property with potential to extend over the garage (snbject to planning). The property offers parking rear garden, lonnge, kitchen/diner bathroom and three bedrooms.

EPC Rating C

Oxford £360,000

A DELIGHTFUL penod property within walking distance to Oxford City and offered with 'no onward chain. Situated in a Cul-De Sac the property allows easy access to amenities while remaining privately positioned at the end of the street.

EPC Rating E

COWLEY £150,000

This TWO BEDROOM flat is located n the heart of Cowley centre giving immediate access to the local shops and bus service to the centre of Oxford This spacions flat gives a FANTASTIC RENTAL YIELD to investors plus the flat is offered to the market with no onward chain. CASH BUYERS ONLY !!
EPC Rating Awaited

Cowley £350,000

Offered with NO ONWARD CHAIN with potential to extend (snbject to planning). The property offers two reception rooms, kitchen three good sized bedrooms and bathroom. Parking to front, rear garden with side access.

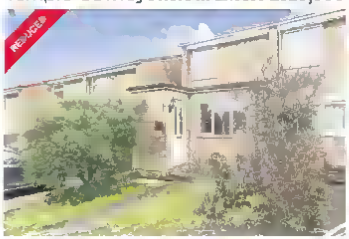
EPC Rating Awaited

Cowley £350,000

The property is in need of cosmetic refurbishment, offered with parking and garage and further benefitting from No ONWARD CHAIN

EPC Rating Awaited

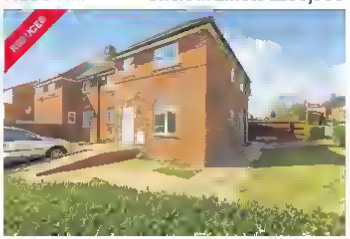
Temple Cowley Offers in Excess £320,000



TWO DOURLE BEDROOM end of terraced located wh ch has been EXTENDED to the front making the lounge/dining room a generous 24 ft in length. Garage In a block plus gated side access nto the rear garden.

EPC Rating D

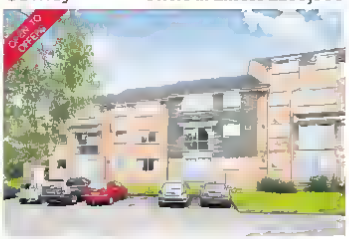
Rose Hill Offers in Excess £200,000



A STUNNING one bedroom GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT presented to an excellent standard. MODERN open plan living room to fitted kitchen with appliances included.

EPC Rating B

Cowley Offers in Excess £260,000



An ATTRACTIVE two bedroom 1st floor apartment situated within the Ring Road in the very well songht after development, Beauchamp Place which is within walking distance to Templars Shopping Centre. Ideal for first time buyers
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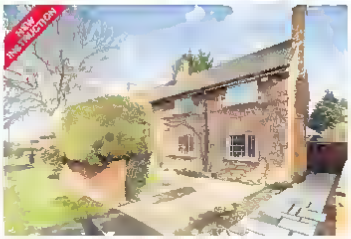
HEADINGTON

Headington £500,000

A rare opportunity to purchase a detached bungalow in the highly sought after York Avenue. Close to the amenities of central Headington with good transport links to both Oxford and London

Headington £550,000



Just a ten minute walk from the John Radcliffe hospital and with excellent transport links into Oxford centre this well presented property offers flexible well balanced accommodation and would make an ideal family home or investment opportunity

Risinghurst Guide Price £450,000

This substantially extended detached property is located in the sought after area of Risinghurst. With high ceilings and original features including picture rails, open fireplaces and stripped pine floors throughout this house is an ideal investment opportunity

Yarnton £155,000

A fantastic development for the over 55s. A shared ownership (75% Share) apartment situated in the tranquil village of Yarnton. This development comprises of facilities such as An in-house Restaurant, Hairdresser Residents Lounge and Hobby Room.

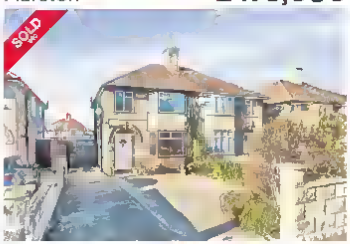
Headington £475,000

Ideally located for access to the John Radcliffe Hospital and with excellent transport links into Oxford city centre this semi-detached property has off road parking and two reception rooms. In the popular Cherwell School catchment area this would make an ideal family home or investment

Yarnton £60,000

A beautifully presented apartment in this exclusive development for the over 55s. With under floor heating throughout and open plan living space this shared ownership home (25%) also has access to communal gardens, laundry facilities and an on site restaurant and hairdresser

Marston £475,000

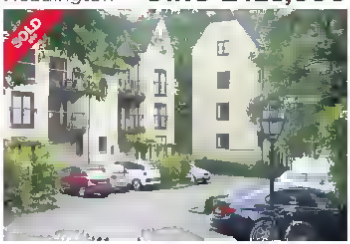


Providing easy access to both Headington hospitals and Oxford city centre this house would make an ideal family home or investment opportunity

Yarnton OIE £310,000

This modern, well presented property is located in the sought after village of Yarnton. Benefitting from off road parking and an enclosed rear garden, an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor. Approximate ten minute drive from Oxford Parkway

Headington OIRO £425,000



Situated within the highly regarded gated community Dorchester Close, a well presented 3 bed duplex apartment featuring ground floor bedrooms and first floor kitchen and reception rooms

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THAME

Brill £600,000

A fabulous 5 bedroom detached period cottage that has been extensively modernised upgraded and extended by the current owners to create a quintessential cottage in the country in this sought after local village. This charming home combines contemporary living with an old English village feel and offers a wealth of features.

Long Crendon £375,000

This mature three bedroom detached family home offers spacious and airy accommodation and is centrally located within the popular village of Long Crendon. Prospective purchasers should note that no onward chain is involved and that the owners selling agents can strongly advise an early internal inspection.

Thame £575,000

A four bedroom detached family home located in a small cul-de-sac of similar properties on this popular residential development. The property offers larger than average accommodation with separate reception rooms, full en-suite bathroom along with a south facing rear garden and a double width garage

Chinnor £530,000

A mature five bedroom detached family home that has been successfully extended in a location with manicured corner plot gardens that enjoy a southerly aspect.

Waterstock £700,000

Lovingly refurbished and maintained by its current owner the property is offered for sale with a "farmhouse" kitchen, two well proportioned reception rooms, feature fireplace exposed beams mature and enclosed gardens along with off street parking.

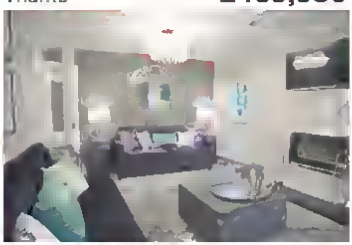
Haddenham £525,000

This spacious accommodation is arranged over 3 floors, with en-suite shower rooms to 2 of the bedrooms along with attached garage and enclosed rear garden. Prospective purchasers will note that no onward chain is involved with the purchase of the property

Thame £450,000

This lovely family home has been newly extended and renovated to a high internal specification by a local builder using local craftsmen and is offered for sale with no onward chain.

Thame £489,950



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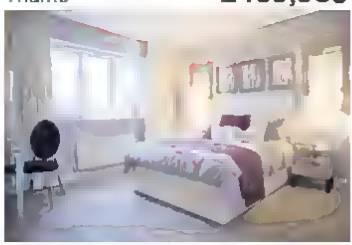
Thame £489,950



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Healthy outlook for property market in city

Bill Cooper co-author of The Oxford Property Blog, and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

Over the last 12 months the total value of Oxford property sold was £1.4bn. There were 3,216 completed transactions which was 11% down on the prior 12-month period.

20% of the properties sold were flats with an average sale price of £274,863 the remainder were houses with an average sale price of £443,755. Overall, the average achieved sales price was £408,165 which was 11% up on the prior 12-month period. The highest valued flat sold for £1.65m and, the highest value house sold for £9.75m.

Over the last three months all highest value transactions have been in OX2 with the top three being on Pullens Lane – £4.75m, Crick Road £3.55m and, Hids Copse Road £2.9m. The total value of transactions during this period was £337m of which 16% were flats and just 2% were new build.

Historically when transaction volumes fall, so too do achieved prices. In Oxford average achieved prices have not yet reduced despite a significant 11.1% fall in transaction volumes. Over the same period transaction volumes across SE England have fallen by 9.4% and across England & Wales by just 1.5%.

By property type prices are up across Oxford, flats have risen by 14% to an average of £274,863 which is well above the £140,103 average for the South East of England. Terraced houses (up 7% to £380,743 vs. £263,129 across the SE) and semi-detached houses (up 2% to £401,430 vs. £321,256 across the SE) have risen at a lower rate than the SE average, whilst detached homes have matched the rise across the SE (up 4% to £614,527 vs. £496,528 across the SE).

Overall Oxford property has continued to offer current owners strong return on investment, whilst presenting buyers with a higher cost of entry. To date, the market has shown resilience in the face of lower transaction volumes, suggesting demand still out-strips supply.

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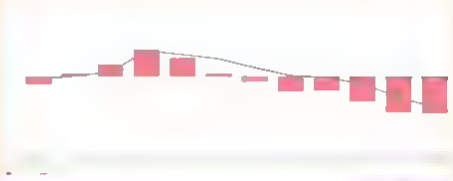
OXFORD: ANNUAL % CHANGE IN TRANSACTIONS



OXFORD: CHANGE IN AVERAGE PRICE BY PROPERTY TYPE

Picture perfect cottage in village location

kitchen with central Rayburn, utility room and cloakroom complete the ground floor.

The stairs lead to the intriguing landing providing the four double bedrooms the master bedroom boasts an en suite with a family bathroom serving the remaining three bedrooms.

Enclosed front gardens with side access whilst the rear garden provides an upper lawn area, the main patio area offers an ideal entertaining area with a part covered section to the rear of the garden store.

The Thameside village of Culham comprises a pretty village green, primary school, parish church and the European School.

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The versatile accommodation is arranged over two floors. On the ground floor there are two suitably sized reception rooms, both with attractive fireplaces; an additional room in currently utilised as a study. The stunning open plan kitchen diner can be found to the rear, beautifully appointed with two sets of triple bi fold doors leading onto the patio and private garden beyond. This spacious light filled room benefits from extensive hand built units with integrated appliances under a granite work-surface. There's a large impressive central island housing base units an induction hob and double electric oven. In addition is a fully refurbished electric Aga. A utility room and two cloakrooms complete the ground floor accommodation.

The stairs rise from the elegant hallway to the first floor landing with doors leading to four of the double bedrooms, two of which benefit from en suite Jack and Jill bathrooms. The fifth bedroom and a third bathroom can be accessed via a second staircase giving potential to provide separate annexe accommodation if required.

The private garden extends to approximately an acre and is enclosed by mature hedging and timber fencing. Although predominantly laid to lawn the garden is pleasantly zoned to include a patio area, a generous vegetable plot with fruit trees, fenced outdoor pool and secluded composting area. Outbuildings include a double garage, useful large workshop/chicken shed and additional brick built building next to the main house which has potential for conversion subject to the necessary consent.

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Carter Jonas – 5 bedroom house £1,050,000

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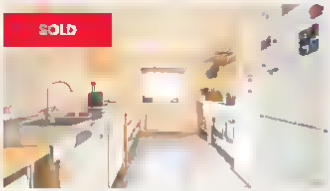

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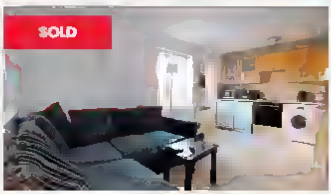

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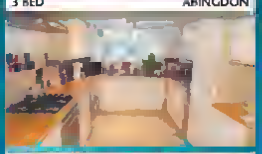

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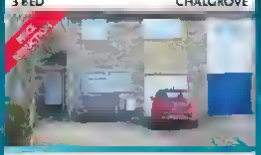

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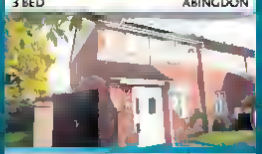

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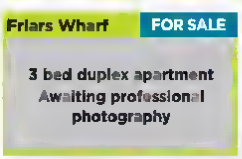

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Songs to save your life

By James Richings

The end of the world is nearly on us, the human race is almost extinct and everyone is panicking.

What should you do? – Sing of course. Songs for the End of the World arrives at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot.

Described as 'gig-theatre' the show tells the story of Jim Walters, a hapless astronaut, who is shot off in a rocket to be the first man on Mars but gets stuck in Earth Orbit on the day of the apocalypse.

Restricted, Jim decides to write songs for the end of the world, in case anyone might be listening.

Dom Coyote, who plays Jim in the production, told the Guardian: "It's not really a musical but instead gig-theatre which has a really different feel.

"It's a gig- a live band on stage, that all become characters in a story.

"And I hope the audience might think about the world we are living in right now, how we might change it for the better and cherish what we have."

Making its debut at the Station Road venue on Saturday, March 25, the production was written by friends Dom Coyote, Michael Vale and Tom Penn with the music for the show being provided by multi instrumental band The Bloodmoneys.

The show was inspired by Philip K Dick's post-apocalyptic novel Dr Bloodmoney which was first published in 1965, and with the production also paying homage to Ziggy Stardust and 50s rock n' roll, Dom insists this is a show that cannot be missed.

"The cocktail of explosive story and characters is what you can expect," he said.

"The Bloodmoneys are an amazing live band and they'll play an epic rock gig which will be unique.

"You definitely won't have seen anything like this before."

When it came to choosing his favourite song from the show, Dom opted for Dear Old World saying it "is really the stand-out track as it's an anthem for hope.

"We take inspirations from old rock n roll and the whole thing has a 50's quality to it, but mixed with a really contemporary sound."

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost from £12 to £15.

Gig theatre Songs for the End of the World is at the Cornerstone on Saturday next week

Fabulous Fawesome

MUSIC Covers band Fawesome are will be gigging at The Black Horse in Kidlington on Saturday March 25.

The quartet arrive at the pub in Banbury Road to perform tunes from ZZ Top, Bon Jovi and many more.

The free gig starts at 9.30pm.

A grape night out

WINE TASTING A session will take place at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Friday March 24.

Tom Whitehouse from The Oxford Company comes to the Station Road venue with his fine selection of varieties where tasters can find out which wines suit their palates.

It starts at 6.30pm and tickets cost £12.

Always wrong?

COMEDY Jo Caulfield will be at The Mill Arts in Banbury on Friday March 31.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Bucking social conventions

By James Richings

IT S the day every man dreads, meeting your girlfriend's dad.

You don t want to say the wrong thing, you want to look presentable and you want to sound ambitious

But when everyone starts giving you their two pence worth, you start to doubt yourself and your first meeting inevitably goes wrong.

So find out what happens when Black Comedy arrives at the BT Studio

George Lea, who plays Brindsley, the unlucky sculptor told the Guardian, "The story looks at an opportunistic young sculptor trying to make his way through one of the most important evenings of his life.

"He has somehow to meet both his militaristic future father in law and a millionaire arts patron who could make his career

"Through stolen furniture drunk neighbours and unwelcome visitors, it goes on to plot the descent into chaos "

Even though George has acted at the BT Studio in numerous productions since 2014, the actor hinted that occasionally nerves and anxiety could appear when performing in a new play

However George is confident the play's strong storyline along with his experience of being a regular at the theatre could help him flourish next weekend.

"A lot of people like just being on stage," he said. "It s narcissistic but having audiences simply appreciate you as an actor is thrilling.

"Under that, maybe less with a piece like this there's being lucky enough to share the writer s world you ve worked so hard to create with other people

He added, "Black Comedy is an exploration of manners and social conventions, and how all of that comes undone when the lights are out

"There could be a parallel between blithe optimism blindly walking into disaster and modern politics, but I think for my character never get engaged six weeks after a breakup is more pervasive

"And I love that feeling when you get audience members who aren't your friends or parents, who might have nothing to do with you and will watch it like a proper show"

The play is at the Beaumont Street venue from Friday, March 24 to Saturday March 25 and will be performed by students at the Magdalen College School.

Tickets cost £7 with the evening shows starting at 7 30pm.

A matinee performance will start at 2.30pm on Saturday

Goldfrapp are back

MUSIC EDM duo Goldfrapp will gig at the O2 Academy on Monday, March 20

Made up of Alison Goldfrapp and Will Gregory the twosome will perform tracks off their seven studio albums which includes tunes off their latest record Silver Eye, which comes out on March 31

Doors open at 7pm and tickets cost £27 50

Tackling Fences

FILM The multi-award winning film Fences will be screened at the Chipping Norton Theatre on Sunday March 26

Starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis the movie looks at two black parents bringing up their troubled sons in 1950s Pittsburgh.

Tickets cost from £5 to £6 50

Waves crash in

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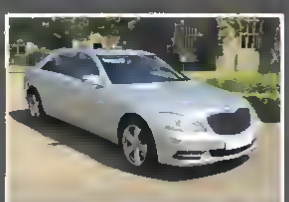

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Exposing nature's cheats

By James Richings

FROM cheating cuckoos to ant-mimicking spiders there's a lot to learn about insects when Cheats and Deceits arrive at the Oxford Playhouse.

Organised by Science Oxford, the family fun event will feature ecologist Martin Stevens explaining how deception works in nature and how devious animals and plants can be.

And with this talk aimed at parents and children, Martin thinks the event will benefit everyone who attends.

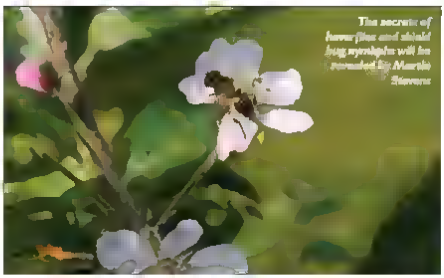
"It's great to know that people still find time to appreciate the natural world," Martin told the Guardian.

"Science in the hectic world we live in, and that there is a passion to understand and learn about how nature works.

"On the day you can learn about how remarkable and sophisticated deception is in nature and the science and early explorers that has uncovered its secrets.

"You'll learn a lot about how deception works in nature evolves, and how it has been studied by scientists and naturalists.

"And with Cheats and Deceits coming to Oxford for the first time, it's really exciting to be coming here and meeting a whole new audience."



The secrets of hoverflies and shield bug eyespots will be revealed by Martin Stevens

As well as hosting the talk, Martin is also the Associate Professor in Sensory and Evolutionary Ecology at Exeter University.

He is also the Director of Impact Biosciences, an organisation that researchers across many areas which includes conservation strategies and river management.

But even though his day job might sound a bit complicated to us normal Joes, ecology is something that has interested him since he was a child.

And nothing gives him more satisfaction than sharing the knowledge he's learnt onto other biology enthusiasts. Spiders, butterflies and ants will be some of the insects Martin will talk about.

"I have always been inspired by nature since a young child," he said.

"I would explore the garden, parks and countryside around where I grew up – how could anyone not be inspired by nature when they have the opportunity to witness it and learn about it?

"I'm truly lucky that my passion is also my job."

It will begin at 5pm and tickets cost £7.

New kid in town

MUSIC Singer songwriter Declan McKenna will be at the O2 Academy on Tuesday March 21.

The 18-year-old arrives at the Cowley Road venue to perform tunes off his two EPs Stains and Liars.

Tickets cost £9.56 and doors open at 7pm.

Italian classic

THEATRE The stage adaptation of Italian movie La Strada will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse from Monday March 20 to Saturday March 25.

The film, which was released in 1954 looks at Gelsomina, who is sold by her penniless mother to Zampano a travelling sideshow strongman where the two travel through the Italian countryside performing for their keep.

The film won an Oscar.

Tickets cost from £11.50 to £26.

The magic of Miller

MUSIC The Glenn Miller Orchestra will be at the New Theatre on Sunday March 19.

The show will follow the life of the famous big band leader Glenn Miller who died in 1944 aged 40.

It will begin at 3pm and tickets cost from £27.65 to £33.65.

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Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
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Fri Mar 17 7 45pm
The Theatre Chipping Norton
I'M SORRY I'LL READ THAT AGAIN ..AGAIN!
This knockabout show celebrates the radio ser es that gave birth to The Goodies and Monty Python's Flying Circus—not to mention I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue Starst by far wicked pannies, glorious puns and manic songs. It's full-frenzied radio, live on stage with the nonsitsense strains of the Angus Prune Tune and the unavoidable smells of the Rhubarb Tart of Omar Khayyam. *We are delighted to announce that the show in Chipping Norton will feature a special cameo appearance by original cast members and writer Mr Graeme Garden and Je Kendall!*

Sat, Mar 18, 10 30am
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
SING
In this quirky animated musical from the makers of Despicable Me and Minions a koala impresario stages a grand singing competition for the world's animals The voices of Matthew McConaughey and Reese Witherspoon add to this veritable farmyard of fun.

Sat, Mar 18 6 30pm
O2 Academy Oxford
HALF MAN HALF BISCUIT
Half Ma Half Biscuit are a truly genuine band blessed with a magic casualty to make the most jaded of listeners fall back in love with music again Witty and dry sardonic yet never clinical, melodically infectious yet edgy sing-along songs these four lads who shook the Wirral are perhaps still to some extent and undiscovered national treasure

Sat, Mar 18 7 30pm
New Theatre Oxford
RICK ASTLEY
Pop icon and multi million artist Rick Astley has announced a brand new 17 date tour for March and April 2017 performing classic tracks and songs from his new album 50 which came out last year Expect to see a mix of old and new in Oxford.

Sun Mar 19 Thu Mar 23
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
LOVING
Loving celebrates the real-life courage and commitment of an interracial couple, Richard and Mildred Loving (Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga) who married and then spent the next nine years fighting for the right to live as a family in their homeland. Their civil rights case went all the way to the Supreme Court, which in 1967 reaffirmed the the right to marry A timely and moving film.

Mon Mar 20 7pm
Oxford Playhouse Oxford
GOLDFRAPP
The dynam c duo Goldfrapp will be stringing their electronic beats to the UK in March, with their first album in four years following shortly after Catch their new single Anymore as well as all their hit songs when they perform at the O2 Academy Oxford

Mon Mar 20 – Sat, Mar 25
Oxford Playhouse Oxford
LA STRADA
Federico Fellini's La Strada (The Road) is one of the true master pieces of modern cinema, winning an Academy Award in 1957 This visually stunning new stage adaptation, directed by Olivier Award nominee Sally Cookson (Jane Eyre, Hetty Feather) boasts a beautiful score by Benji Bowan with songs performed live on stage by a multi-talented cast.The story of wide-eyed Gelsomina, who is sold by her penniless mother to Zampano a travelling sideshow strongman, unfolds as they journey through the Italian countryside performing for their keep. Their perilous road trip leads them to a ragtag travelling circus where they meet Il Matto the tightrope walker who mistakes Gelsomina's spirit with a new found confidence
In this much-anticipated new stage production Fellini's profoundly impassioned and deeply involving story is sure to simulate the senses, fire your emotions and stir the soul

Mon, Mar 20 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
JASPER CARROTT & ALISTAIR MCGOWAN
Comedy legends Jasper Carrott and Alistair McGowan split the bill ahe your sides with a night of comedy stand up and impressions Drawing on their wealth of experi ence they present a show of pure laughs and entertainment that is not to be missed.

Tue Mar 21 7pm
O2 Academy Oxford
THE WAILERS
Following the success of their huge sell-out tour last year legendary reggae artists The Wailers return to mark in stages across the country Performing their Legend album in its entirety the group will also play other greatest hits including Three Little Birds "I Shot the Sheriff" and Jamming

Tue Mar 21 7pm
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OECLAN MCKENNA
Hotly-tipped young fe r musician Declan McKenna supports his hotly-anticipated debut album with his latest UK tour

Thu Mar 23 7pm
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Melvin Benn commented: "Eminem returning to Reading and Leeds is beyond exciting His 2013 headline performance was incredible and I can t wait to have him back In addition to our third and final headliner (joining Kasabian and Muse) we've announced over 70 additional acts to this year's line up –it's looking stranger than ever"

Fri Mar 24, 7.30pm
New Theatre Oxford
DREAMBOYS
If you're looking for hot very best gals night out in the UK, look no further than these incredible stripping hunks An action packed 2 hour show from start to finish ,wild boys will literally have you begging for more

Sat, Mar 25 , 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
CIRCA WAVES
Don t miss indie rockers Circa Waves as they embark on their biggest headline tour to date The band are set to play a string of unmissable live shows in support of their eagerly anticipated second album Different Creatures.

Sat, Mar 25 7.45pm
The Theatre Chipping Norton
RICHARO NERRING THE BEST
Richard Herring, King of the Edinburgh Fringe, Metro columnist and the UK's Podfather (RHLSTP -HOTM) picks his favourite routines from his 12 one-men shows and

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Mon, Mar 27, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
PULLED APART BY HORSES

Mon Mar 27 – Mar 28
New Theatre, Oxford
JACK ROOKE GOOD GRIEF
With a coffin full of syrr pathy snacks, Jack Rooke and his 85-year old Nan Sicely invite you to the happiest town in Britain where Dad's dead and the only thing to eat is lasagne
Rooke's critically acclaimed debut hour blends comedy, storytelling and film It explores how we treat the bereaved, whilst challenging proposed welfare cuts of grieving families and celebrating finding happiness after tragedy
Anetha compelling production from Soho Theatre Good Grief was shortlisted for Best Show by an Emerging Artist in the Total Theatre Awards 2015 Jack has presented a BBC Radio 4 comedy adaptation of Good Grief and his own BBC3 documentary about happiness is due to air early in 2017

Tue, Mar 28 7pm
O2 Academy Oxford
WARPAINT
LA based four-piece band Warpaint return to Brit ain shores as they continue to support their third album Heads Up.

Tue Mar28 – Sat Apr 1
New Theatre Oxford
GREASE
Dust off your leatherjackets pull on your bobby-socks and take a trip to e amplanti me as Danny and Sandy fall in love all over again.

Mon, Apr 3 – Sat, Apr 8
Oxford Playhouse Oxford
ABIGAIL'S PARTY
Amanda Abbington stars in Mike Leigh's unsurpassed classic, Abigail's Party
It's 40 years since the appalling Beverly first put Donna Summer on the turntable stacked a plate with little cheesy-pineapple sticks plied her guests with alcohol cigarettes and Demis Rousses and slow-danced her way across the shag pile into theatrical history
The drinks party from hell begins when she and husband Laurence invite round new neighbours Tony and Ange, along with nervous divorcee Sue jittery about the bash her teenage daughter Ab gail is throwing up the road As that party reportedly gets out of hand this one too descends into chaos, and comedy as drama and tragedy combine into an iconic piece of theatre.
Amanda Abbington is best-known for playing Mary Morsten in Sher lock, Miss Mardle in Mr Selfridge and DS Jo Maffal in Cuffe. Directed by Sarah Esdaile (Talking Heads, Cat no a Hot Tin Roof) this new production of Mike Leigh's legendary play is as hilarious and horribly cringeillina as ever

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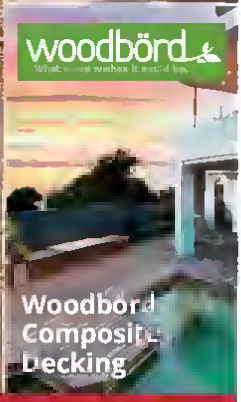

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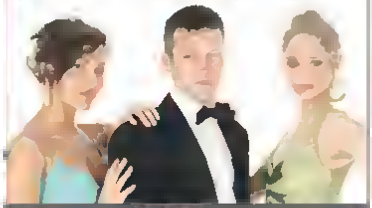

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By Tony Yates

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I know what you are all thinking though – is it slow? Well actually it nips around really well and it does not feel underpowered at all.

On the Road

The little Citigo is a scream – it's easy to drive and feels brilliant for such a small car, but you do need to remember this is not a race car. It's an eco warrior that was designed to save you money as well as look good

As for the handling – I would give it five stars because it's as good as the competition when the road gets twisty. Also it's actually very quiet and quite refined. While the ride is a little bouncy it's pretty decent really thanks mainly to Skoda doing a pretty good job on the suspension setup

Safety and Technology

The safety side of the Citigo is impressive too – with standard equipment like anti-lock braking, driver's and front passenger's airbags and electronic stability control. As with all Skodas the interior is a little bland – but functional – but I like the body coloured dash panel and the centre speedo which gives it a better feel all round. The seats are very good and hold you firm.

There is also an array of kit such as 15-inch Suriga black alloy wheels, electric front windows, front fog lamps, manual air-conditioning, AM/FM radio including colour display with aux in and SD card, USB ports, six speakers and Bluetooth, rear seat backrest split 60/40, remote central locking and sunset glass

To Sum Up

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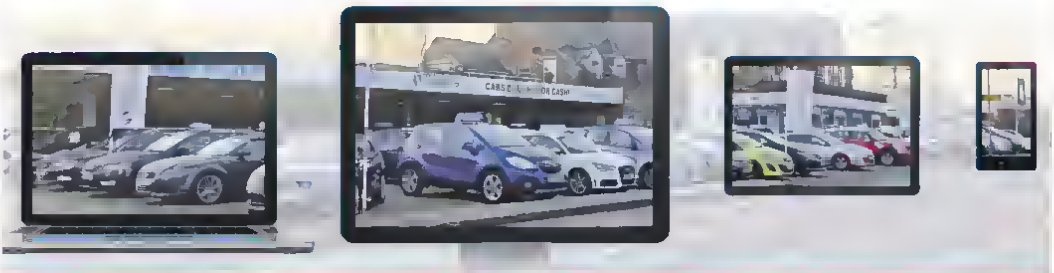

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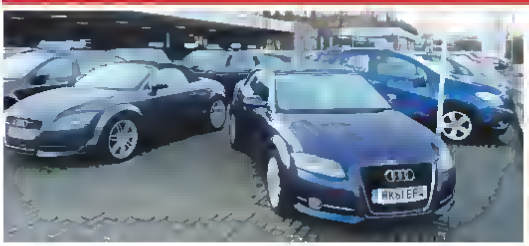

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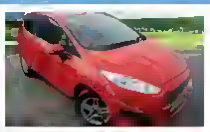

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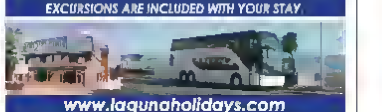

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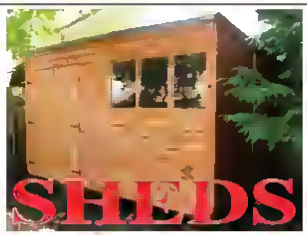

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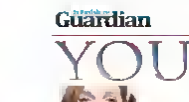

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Saints hope to rumble Thunder in season opener

American football

UNDEFEATED Division II 2016 champions Oxford Saints will open the new campaign at home to Sussex Thunder next month.

The British American Football Association (BAFA) have this week revealed all game dates for the Saints ahead of the season opener on April 16.

Following promotion to Division I at the end of the 2016 season, the Saints will now play in the Southern Football Conference Central I (SFC1) for 2017.

The conference includes the Ouse Valley Eagles, Solent Thrashers, South Wales Warriors and Sussex Thunder.

Each of the five teams will have a full 10 game season, with all games being played within the conference rather than cross-conference games.

This means the Saints will face two of their opponents three times, with Ouse Valley and Sussex being selected by BAFA.

The Tilsley Park side regular season comes to a close on July 30 when they host Ouse Valley.

Visit oxfordsaints.com for the full schedule.

Meanwhile, Oxford Saints Warsaw won their first match in their first ever full contact game.

The Saints played two games in the Sapphire Tournament in Portsmouth at the end of last month, winning one and losing one.

They beat Iceni Spears 18-14 before being thrashed 43-0 against Portsmouth Dreadnoughts.

Eddie's dreams dashed in final round in India

Golf

A CATASTROPHIC final day dashed Eddie Pepperell's hope of winning his first European Tour title.

The Abingdon golfer – who hadn't won any prize money this season before last weekend, shared the lead at -6 after 11 holes of his third round at the weather hit Hero India Open.

With delays to play the 26-year-old resumed his third round on Sunday morning in disastrous fashion.

While rounds two and three heralded 11 birdies and only six bogeys, the Frilford Heath golfer's fine form was a thing of the past when he resumed his third round on hole 12.

Three bogeys and two double bogeys followed to finish the third round +1 and Pepperell plummeted down the leaderboard.

A further three bogeys and a double bogey alongside a solitary birdie meant Pepperell drifted away to +5 and a T22 place – although he survived the cut for the first time this season – at the fifth time of asking.

SSP Chawrasia was the runaway winner on 10-seven ahead of second placed Gavin Green to claim victory on home soil.

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F1

By Adam Flinn

OXFORDSHIRE'S Formula One teams are now in the final preparation stages ahead of the start of the season next weekend, following the completion of pre-season testing last Friday.

Williams, Renault and Haas have been pounding round the Catalunya track near Barcelona for eight days of testing as they tried out their 2017 machines for the first time.

And while all the teams faced a few problems at some point, Oxfordshire's representatives were all fairly happy with how things went.

Grove-based Williams were particularly impressive with Felipe Massa and Lance Stroll completing 600 laps between them in the second week alone.

They also showed flashes of speed, although most commentators believe they will be behind the perceived front runners of Mercedes, Ferrari and Red Bull.

Rod Nelson, Williams' chief test and support engineer said: "Overall, we have got a lot of good data.

"We've completed 600 laps last week, with the team doing a very good job to make up for the time we lost [the week before].

"We can take a lot of positives from this as we prepare to head to Melbourne."

Renault were also pleased with how testing went, with this year being the first in the modern era where they have designed the car from the outset.

The Enstone-based team spent the two weeks experimenting with different setups, improving performance and testing reliability with Nico Hulkenberg and Jolyon Palmer behind the wheel.

Managing director Cyril Abiteboul said: "This has been an exciting two weeks for everyone at Renault Sport Racing.

"We think we already have a good step forward with performance thanks to this car and the new power unit, and we know the areas we need to address.

"Melbourne is just around the corner and we can't wait to get this season under way."

And Banbury-based Haas had a much better test compared to this time 12 months ago after setting 715 laps, a whopping 241 more than last year.

While they suffered a few issues with the car on the final day on Friday the team were satisfied with how things have gone overall in the past two weeks.

Team principal Guenther Steiner said: "It was definitely not our best day on Friday, we had quite a few issues with the handling of the car.

"But all in all the test was pretty good.

"We now go back and analyse data, and see what we can do to get ready for Melbourne."

The first race of the season in Australia is on March 26, with 20 races over the course of 2017.

Jolyon Palmer on track during the second pre-season test last week. Picture: Renault Sport Racing

County's teams ready for the off after testing

Blues lose 'arm wrestle'

Rugby League

COACH Tim Rumford has challenged his Oxford RL players to bounce back after they were beaten 20-6 at home to Workington Town on Sunday in the first ever meeting between the sides.

The visitors pulled away after a fairly even first half to inflict a first Kingstone Press League defeat on the Blues.

Oxford took the lead on six minutes through a Curtis Macdonald try which was converted by Harvey Burnett.

The hosts were the better side for most of the first half but were unable to extend their lead and were made to pay when Workington, helped by four Super League players on loan or dual registration, fought back.

Rumford admitted that Town's try just before half time had a telling impact on the contest as an Ed Chamberlain try – converted by Carl Forber – levelled the match.

The visitors were too strong for Oxford and pulled away to victory with unanswered second half tries from Jack Higginson and Joe Hambley, followed by Forber conversions and a penalty 10 minutes from time to seal the win.

After the match Oxford coach Rumford said that there was nothing wrong with his team's effort or will but that decision making had let them down.

He said, "We have a young bunch of blokes. Decision making by our players – and another individual that I can't say too much about – cost us today.

"We want to play expansively but neither team were allowed to express themselves. We will find out if we've learnt those lessons next week at Whitehaven."

Workington boss Dave Clark described the match as "a game that was an arm wrestle for the full 80".

Curtis Macdonald scores for the Blues. Picture: @Oxford_RL

Stars face Raiders in play-offs

Picture: @OxfordCityStars

Ice hockey

A DEFEAT and a draw in the last two regular league games of the season means Oxford City Stars will play London Raiders in the NIHL South 1 play-offs.

Oxford lost 4-3 at Solent Devils on Saturday before throwing away a 4-1 home lead to draw 4-4 with play-off opponents London Raiders on Sunday.

The results from the final weekend of the regular season left the Stars exactly in mid-table in fourth place on 28 points from 26 games.

The two-legged affair against Raiders which takes place over the weekend of March 25/26, will be an exciting contest, if Sunday's match is anything to go by.

Oxford's Jesse Lye and London's Alan Lack both scored in the first period to send the sides into the second period level.

Simon Andersen's front line turned up the heat in the second with three unanswered goals – Joshua Oliver, Alan Green and Ben Paynter all found the back of the net to give the Stars a 4-1 lead with 25 minutes to go.

But Oxford waved a white flag to their handsome lead as a Tom David brace and Lack's second of the evening with 11 seconds left on the clock earned the visitors a draw in dramatic fashion.

The winners of the Stars vs Raiders match will face the winner of the Chelmsford vs Bracknell tie in the semi-finals to be played over the weekend of April 1/2.

The final will be played over the weekend of April 8/9.

Hoops spin out a late winner against Hawks

Oxford City

By George Welch

A LAST minute strike from veteran striker Jefferson Louis secured a dramatic 1-0 win for Oxford City at home to Whitehawk on Saturday

Just as it looked like City were heading for only their second goalless draw of the season the 38-year-old target man popped up to all but seal the three points in injury time

The journeyman, who has been transferred 37 times in his 26 year long career was found unmarked in the area by midfielder Scott Davies and lifted the ball over the Hawks keeper into the far corner of the net to maintain Mark Jones unbeaten home record since taking charge in December

The two bottom half of the table teams exchanged blows in an entertaining first half that saw both goalkeepers tested.

Unsighted City stopper Craig Hill had to be at his best to push a 30-yard Mike West effort wide while Louis went closest for the Hoops four minutes before the break when he struck the post when one-on-one.

In complete contrast the second half was a lot quieter with chances few and far between until Louis' last gasp winner

The victory moves the Hoops 15 points clear of the relegation zone and, with just nine league games remaining, look to be all but safe from relegation, albeit still mathematically possible

By avoiding defeat, the Hoops extended their unbeaten home record to six league games and Jones praised his players in what he described as an "important" win.

He said. "It was a good win for us today an important win which takes us 15 points clear of the relegation zone.

"It was a hard fought game at home, I thought we had the better of the key moments in the first half, without really testing their keeper too much.

"It's difficult at home on a hard surface it's hard to get the ball down and play quickly and a lot of credit needs to go to the players they kept going they kept pushing they kept working.

"Jefferson Louis though came up with a good finish and we're obviously delighted with the three points, but enormous credit has to be given to the players for their effort their work rate and their commitment.

"It's a very big win and a very important win for the club so I'm really really pleased."

The Hoops, 14th in the National League South table travel to 12th placed East Thurrock United on Saturday and table toppers Maidenhead on Tuesday

Jefferson Louis fires the winner home for Oxford City Picture: Michael Allen

Slimbridge keeper Marcus Beauchamp had no chance from George Reid's freekick. Picture. Roger Neal

Railwaymen track down their first win of the year

Didcot Town

DIDCOT Town ended their 10 match winless streak by overcoming Slimbridge at Loop Meadow on Saturday

George Reid's second half free kick and a late penalty save from Leigh Bedwell earned the Railway Men their first three points of 2017 — their first victory since Boxing Day

In a game of two halves, the first 45 minutes was a dire affair with both sides having limited opportunities on goal.

Littered with sloppy passes and inaccurate finishing from both teams, Didcot just edged the first half with Marcus Beauchamp comfortably saving Ben Whitehead's long-range effort

The second half sprung into life when Slimbridge's Edward Ward handled 25 yards from his own goal, four minutes in

Up stepped Reid who unleashed a thunderbolt into the top left-hand corner to give Didcot the lead.

It was a wake up call the game needed.

Moments later, Reid could have doubled Didcot's lead when he was put through one-on-one with Beauchamp but the goalkeeper did well to narrow the angle and block the shot.

Reid's miss could have proved costly as minutes later, the side from Gloucestershire were awarded a penalty when James Organ was adjudged to have brought down substitute Ryan Thwaite

Slimbridge captain Lee Smith took the spot kick, but lacking any power and direction, Bedwell flung himself beyond the ball's trajectory and was able to smother it away with a trailing leg.

The victory lifts Didcot into 13th place in the table, whilst Slimbridge remain in 20th position, 14 points clear of the relegation zone

Didcot's next fixture is away to Harrstaple on Saturday

Winning streak comes to an end for Kiddy

Kidlington

KIDLINGTON'S four match winning streak came to an end on Saturday when they drew 1-1 at home to Bedford Town.

Winning their last six games in the league, the hosts took the lead when Anaclet Odhiambo scored his 25th goal of the season in the 32nd minute but Bedford's Jamale McKenzie-Lowe equalised for the visitors two minutes after the restart to rescue a point

In a thrilling game in which the hosts dominated play, Eric Odhiambo hit the crossbar with a curving shot before Mark Janes saw his effort brilliantly saved by visiting keeper Enol Ordonez Suarez just before the break.

Hoping for more of the same in the second half, Kiddy were sucker punched in the 47th minute when Bedford equalised through McKenzie-Lowe.

The Greens piled on the pressure to win the game, and thought it paid off when Anaclet Odhiambo got his second of the match

However, his goal was chalked off for offside

Bedford upped their tempo as the second half progressed and Kidlington's defence had to be at their best to keep them at bay but it finished 1-1.

The draw moves Kidlington into 10th place on 50 points, with their next fixture being away to Barton Rovers on Saturday

Bedford remain in ninth position on 53 points.

Winless run continues

North Leigh

NORTH Leigh are now winless in five matches after a 1-1 draw with Wimborne Town.

The Millers started the game in fine form having two good efforts in the opening five minutes

Wayne Turbs curling effort went just wide and Jordan Lymn's low drive had Wimborne's keeper Gerald Benfield on his toes

But to coincide with their rotten run at the moment, The Millers went behind moments later

Luke Holmes ran into Leigh's penalty area and had his low shot saved by Manny Agboola, but the goalkeeper could only parry it to leading goal scorer Tobias Holmes, who smashed it into the centre of the goal from six yards out

Two minutes later Leigh had a glorious chance to equalise

Captain Lance Williams chased a lose ball into Wimborne territory, ran into the penalty area and clipped a low cross in for George Seacole, whose ferocious effort across the goal went out for a throw in

The hosts continued to increase the tempo and put pressure on the Wimborne defence which finally paid off six minutes before half-time.

Keeper Benfield rushed out of goal to collect an over hit Leigh through ball, which Seacole decided to chase down

After collecting the ball on the edge of the box, the goalkeeper inexplicably spilled it allowing the striker to redeem himself after his terrible miss, by tapping into the empty net from 12 yards

The second half saw Leigh dominate the game but couldn't find that all-important winner

Leigh, who also beat Oxford City 3-0 at Eynsham Park on Tuesday to reach the final of the Oxfordshire County Cup, now face a run of four away games, starting against table toppers Hereford on Saturday

North Leigh next play at home on Saturday, April 1

They move into 11th place on 50 points, one position and one point behind Wimborne, but do have four games in hand.

Banbury edge closer to play-offs after victory

Banbury United

BANBURY United are now three points off the play-off places after defeating Chesham United 1-0 on Tuesday night at Spencer Stadium

Callum White's strike 22 minutes from time gave The Puritans their fourth consecutive league win in what was a tightly contested battle.

Before the match, only one place and four points were separating the two sides in the table.

Banbury had the better for the majority of the first half and in the 16th minute, the hosts had a great chance to take the lead

Tom Winters in swinging right sided corner was cleared but only back to the winger who whipped in a delicious ball that lead to a huge goal mouth scramble before Ricky Johnson shot over the bar from six yards.

Minutes later Johnson put Zac McEachran through one-on-one with Richard Hayward in the opposition goal, but the goalkeeper was quick off his line to narrow the angle and deny the midfielder from scoring the opening goal.

Banbury continued to pile on the pressure and had another glorious chance to go 1-0 up this time from Conor McDonagh whose shot from the edge of the Chesham penalty area was deflected over the bar by Adam Martin.

The missed chances nearly came back to haunt Banbury as right on the stroke of half time, Chesham's Dave Pearce's long range deflected effort forced Jack Harding into a reflex save

The resulting corner fell to Drew Roberts at the far post but his shot from 12 yards went just wide of the goal

Banbury started the second half just like the first and finally got their goal in the 68th minute when right back Callum White netted in from 12 yards on his weaker right foot, to give Banbury all three points

They sit in sixth position, three points behind Merthyr Town in fifth, and their midweek victory comes off the back of defeating Cirencester Town on Saturday 2-1

The Puritans next match is coincidently against Chesham on Saturday which was due to be played in January

Chances aplenty but goalless draw for U's

OUFCW

NEW Oxford United Women s boss Andy Cook led his side to their first clean sheet of the Spring Series in his first home match in charge with a stalemate with Aston Villa Ladies on Sunday

Neither side could find the back of the net, despite Villa starting the game on the front foot and Oxford dominating the rest of the match.

The new-look midfield diamond of Lauren Haynes Ella Frankin Frature, Emily Donovan and Taome Oliver kept hold of the ball well, ensuring Oxford were the more threatening side

Despite the dominance, the U's failed to find a breakthrough, with their most threatening moment of the first half coming in the 37th minute when Frankin Frature swung in a cross from the left wing that was met by Oliver on the volley, but she could only fire the wrong side of the post.

The home side came out firing again in the second half, and it was Ini Umotong who was frustrated—out for the last time – when Aston Villa goalkeeper Claire Skinner kept her out with a brilliant save after some neat link up play with Oliver

In a three-minute spell at the start of the second half Oxford won five corners in quick succession, the last of which resulted in Umotong flicking a header onto the bar

The visitors found their feet an the hour propelling multiple attacks towards the Oxford goal but found Demi Lambourne who was having a quiet afternoon, in fine form to make two fantastic saves

Chances were few and far between but Oxford could have snatched at the end when Umotong fizzed in a cross only for Skinner to tip away the danger as the lurking Oliver was ready to pounce.

The Burnham keeper is forced into a smart save

Good win, but could do better

Ardley United

ARDLEY United manager Paul Davis praised his side s first half performance in their 3-1 win at home to basement club Burnham but has warned his side to remain focused for the full 90 minutes in the remaining fixtures this season

First half goals from strike dun Nathaniel Lewars and Leam Howards and a second half stoppage time goal from Jack Heap were enough to brush aside relegation threatened Burnham to get back to winning ways after back-to-back league defeats

But Davis has criticised his team s second half performances in each of the last three games, a 2-1 defeat at Greacknell Town on March 8, a 5-0 win at home to Letcombe in the Supplementary Cup on Tuesday last week and Saturday s win.

There is no shame in losing to league leaders Brarknell Town but Davis labelled Ardley s second half performance as "slightly disappointing", in which they threw away their lead to leave empty handed.

Davis then accused United's players of being "too complacent" after taking their foot off the gas when 3 0 up against Hellenic Division One West outfit Letcombe And once again, the Ardley performance was below par in the second half as they let Letcombe back in the contest just before the hour when Jesse Wilson saw his deflected shot wrong foot Nick Bennion to pull a goal back.

Following Saturday's proverbial game of two halves, Davis said. "In the first half I thought we were excellent, we created plenty of chances and I felt we got back to doing what we re good at but we couldn t get that opening goal and their keeper made a few good saves

"But then we scored two goals in quick succession and at half time I thought the second half would see us create more chances, score more goals and see out the game comfortably

"But in the space of a week we've played three games and in the second period of each game we've been poor

"We've had a chat after the game, I've asked the players why we've become complacent when we were leading at half time in all those three games fortunately we only lost one of those games but we need to step our game up "

Ardley travel to Ascot United on Saturday

United make good on their promise

By George Welch

OXFORD United boss Michael Appleton promised U s fans they would bounce back on the road after back to back home defeats to Bristol Rovers and Sheffield United last week.

And that's exactly what they did

After overcoming an initial 10-minute period of pressure from Peterborough United, Oxford comfortably ran out 2-1 winners to all but end the play-off ambitions of their hosts on Saturday

United s grim home record reads as three successive defeats but the rampant Yellows continued their striking away form this time at the ABAX Stadium, or London Road as it is more commonly known.

The U s never looked back after they shook off the early pressure from the Posh and a goal in either half from on-loan right back Paul Edwards and forward Conor McAleny meant Appleton s side won their ninth match out of 11 on their travels

And the well-travelled visitors, who are up to sixth in the League One away table had a helping hand from their hapless hosts when youngster Len Lopes received his marching orders with five minutes remaining when he picked up his second yellow card of the afternoon.

Appleton was left frustrated when Boro scored in stoppage time as Craig Mackail Smith scored his 100th goal for the club but the win also accomplishes Oxford s first target of the season – League One survival.

But things could have been different if Grant McCann s front line were sharper in front of goal early on.

Simon Eastwood made his customary 'worldy' early with a dying save to keep a Lopes effort out after nine minutes.

Centre halves Curtis Nelson and Chey Dunkley also made two vital challenges to help Eastwood out in the first 15 minutes laying the foundations for another battling defensive performance

But then Oxford hit the front foot and took the lead on 23 minutes when Edwards eluded the Posh defence to head home a Rob Hall corner

And they doubled their advantage in the second half when McAleny tucked away a slick Chris Maguire pass with 19 minutes to go to score his fifth goal for the club since joining less than two months ago.

Lopes was sent off for the Posh 14 minutes later but that didn't stop club legend Mackail Smith netting his 100th goal for the hosts with a shot– or perhaps a cross – but it was nothing more than a late consolation.

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NEARLY 25 000 tickets have been sold for Oxford United's trip to Wembley in the Checkatrade Trophy final next month

The U's will face fellow League One club Coventry City at Wembley a year on from losing to Barnsley in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final, on April 2

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Oldham keeper Connor Ripley brings down Chris Maguire to give a penalty to the U's, which Maguire then converted Picture: Darrell Fisher

Away run comes to an end

By George Welch

OXFORD United's superb five match winning streak away from home was brought to an end in a 2 1 defeat at struggling Oldham Athletic on Tuesday night.

The play-off chasing U's last suffered a league defeat on the road at AFC Wimbledon in January but were beaten by a double from Oldham striker Lee Erwin.

United's Chris Maguire scored his first league goal since December 17 but his penalty on the hour was sandwiched by Erwin goals in both halves to leave the U s trailing the League One play-offs by six points.

The lowly Latics who have improved since January under new boss John Sheridan, raced out of the blocks and could have snatched an early lead.

They should have scored within two minutes when Aaron Amadi-Holloway fired too close to goalkeeper Simon Eastwood before Chris Taylor thrashed a volley wide in the seventh minute.

Eastwood had to be at his best again to get down smartly and gather a Ryan McLaughlin drive at the quarter hour mark.

Oxford responded through Conor McAleny whose shot was parried by Oldham keeper Connor Ripley before striker Kane Hemmings—now goalless in seven – somehow missed a guilt edged chance from point-blank range

The hosts eventually made their early pressure count when on loan Leeds United striker Erwin nodded in a rebound from four yards nine minutes before the break.

United replied on the hour mark as Maguire calmly slotted home from the penalty spot after he had been brought down by Ripley

However Erwin settled the match with his seventh goal of the season on 70 minutes when he met a McLaughlin cross to head home the three points at the back post.

United cranked up the pressure on the Oldham defence as they hunted an equaliser but the Latics were content to soak up the Yellows attack.

Maguire saw a free kick deflected wide and a curling effort from McAleny tested Ripley as there was plenty of late drama but no late goal for U's

The last five minutes became a siege in the Oldham area with the home side happy to smash the ball as far away from danger as possible

Oxford will host promotion hopefuls Scunthorpe United and Bolton Wanderers on Saturday and Tuesday respectively

Tower Hill Vixens in red & blue made it through to the quarter finals Pictures: The FA

Vixens come up short in cup run

A SURPRISE visit from Arsenal Ladies legend Alex Scott still wasn't enough to stop Tower Hill U13 Vixens from crashing out of the 2017 FA People's Cup

The five-a side football team managed to get to the quarterfinal stage of the competition, but lost three of their four matches in Reading, resulting in their elimination

Facing tough opposition, the girls took on Oxford City U14s and Thatcham U14s who are both top of their respective leagues in their group, where they finished bottom with just one point

Playing each team twice, Witney-based Tower Hill lost 6 1 and 5-2 to City before going down 5-1 to Thatcham

Their only point in the quarter finals was against the West Berkshire side, where it finished 3-3

Manager Paul Riley said: "I decided to enter the FA People s Cup because it looked great fun.

"I thought the team would do well following the success they had by winning the Oxfordshire FA U14 futsal tournament this year and representing Oxfordshire FA in the regional futsal finals.

"The confidence the team gained from this, particularly beating older teams made me think they would relish the experience of playing in the FA People s Cup."

Isabella Riley who plays for Tower Hill, said: "The players remember the advice from Alex Scott and we got stronger throughout the competition."

Teammate Sophie Harris added. "It was great meeting Alex Scott and this experience has made me more determined to become a professional footballer."

The semi-finals will take place from March 24 to March 26 with the finals on April 30 and May 1

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